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## Our First Task, Mississippi For Christ

CHAPTER III  
ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT  
SENDING MONEY

In the bookkeeping room at Baptist headquarters there is a great book in which every Mississippi Baptist Church has a page. On this page is recorded every gift that is sent to any cause from that church. The record covers the whole year, and shows the amounts sent, when received and for what the money was given. If money is marked for some special object, the full amount is sent to that object, and not even postage is deducted for mailing it to the one for whom it is intended. Below we show a small copy of how your church page looks at the beginning of a year. How will it look at the end?

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## College Students See Missions Preeminent

By Joe W. Burton

Recently I led a group of college young men and women in a forum on the enlarged opportunities for Christian service after the war.

In consideration of this subject the young people agreed that the topic, "Missionary Opportunities in the Post-War World," is correct in its implication that there are now certain limitations to missionary work caused by the world war. The cessation of the armed conflict, it was felt, will lift these limitations imposed by war, at least in some measure, and thus

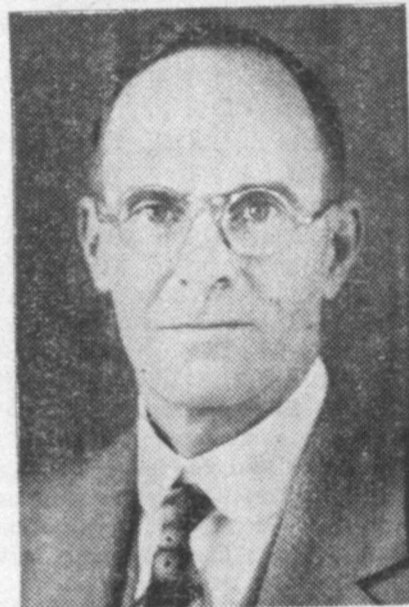
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## A Favorite Sermon

Rev. T. W. Talkington, Sumrall, Miss.

Text—"And thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins" Matt. 1:21.

Introduction. 1. "Jesus" means Saviour. As Joshua saved the children



REV. T. W. TALKINGTON

of Israel from their wilderness wanderings, just so Jesus saves us from wandering in the ways of sin.

2. This salvation is both from and to. "From—sins"—the power; the practice and the penalty of sin. To—life eternal and a heavenly home.

I. It is God-wrought. "Salvation is (Continued on Page Sixteen)"

## Baptist Student Union Submits Report

(By a Special Committee of Three)

At a called meeting of the B. S. U. secretaries, pastors and student workers in colleges centers, which was held in Jackson last summer, a special committee of three pastors was appointed to survey the B. S. U. needs of college students in Mississippi, particularly those in state or tax-supported colleges. This committee is composed of J. D. Franks, Columbus; J. D. Ray, Starkville; F. M. Purser, Oxford. Their report has been prepared and submitted for presentation to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention. In support of the recommendations made in that report the committee wishes to make the following statement of facts, which it regards as self-evident:

1. Mississippi Baptist college students are the inescapable challenge and responsibility of Mississippi Baptists regardless of what college they may choose to attend. It is the obligation of the denomination to follow them wherever they go with a constructive, effective Baptist program designed to hold them true to Christ

and to the Baptist faith during their college years.

2. College students are the potential leaders of tomorrow, regardless of what college they may attend.

3. Their leadership is destined to be felt in every phase of life and in every part of the social organization—in politics, in government, in education, in business, in the professions, in the home, and in the church. This also is true regardless of the college they attend.

4. This potential leadership must be captured and held for Christianity and for the church during college days, else it may be devoted in after years to false philosophies and influences which do capture the students during that period.

5. Four out of every five Baptist college students attending college in Mississippi in normal times attend the tax-supported colleges. In that same proportion we will find the potential Baptist leadership in the state. It is immeasurably vital and important that it be an informed, loyal, trained leadership.

6. Our tax-supported colleges need and welcome any constructive effort (Continued on Page Sixteen)



Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Mississippian and Southwide student secretary, will be a featured speaker at the State B. S. U. Convention, October 19-21, at Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg.

## All Baptist Churches In Germany Damaged Save One But Baptist Work Goes On

By Chaplain Theo T. James  
Former Pastor Yale Baptist Church,  
Memphis, Tennessee

In Germany there are about 300 Baptist churches, with about 700 mission stations and a membership of about 80,000. The president of the work in Germany is Rev. Frederick Rockschie, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Berlin. The secretary is Rev. Paul Schmidt. The home of the Baptist work in Berlin has been completely destroyed. The temporary headquarters is nothing more than an apartment with a remnant of records and a few books.

The German Baptist Theological (Continued on Page Eight)

## American Legion Dedicates Building

According to Lonnie Smith, Poplarville, the American Legion plans to dedicate its new building with a ten days revival meeting. Concerning the dedication, Mr. Smith writes:

"We are planning something unique for the American Legion here and are working to have a chaplain of World War II do the preaching.

"We will have the American Legion building completed about October 15 and rather than have a big dance and a drinking party, somebody conceived the idea of having a week or ten days of religious services."

## Pierce Accepts Louisiana Pastorate

Rev. A. B. Pierce has resigned as secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and accepted the pastorate of Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, Louisiana.

"The call of the pastorate was too strong for me to resist," said Pierce concerning his decision to resign the secretaryship of the Foundation to which he came last January.

A Mississippian, Mr. Pierce had held the following Mississippi pastorates:

West Laurel, Crystal Springs and New Albany. He has been especially successful in promoting stewardship and in the development of the people.

Concerning his work and the Foundation, Mr. Pierce issued the following statement:

There is no doubt in my mind about the Lord leading me to begin the work of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. It was mine to set the work up, publish (Continued on Page Sixteen)

# October Is Baptist Record Month — Our Aim 53,100 Circulation



## Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

Work was begun in our state September 15, 1945, with a full time secretary of the Department of Church Music. This phase of our work is a new effort on the part of our denomination and state to minister to churches in a much neglected field. It has been estimated that from one-fourth to one-third of the time consumed in every worship service, teaching, training, missionary, and evangelistic service is given over to music. Not until recently has our denomination made strong efforts to encourage, organize and help train in this great field.

The work in this field is still in the pioneering stage. Arkansas has been doing some work and has made great progress during the last four years. Texas started with a full-time secretary January 1, 1945. Mississippi and Oklahoma started the work at the same time this year.

The work of the department will be along four main lines:

I. Organization. It is hoped that every church in the state will have a department of music with a director elected by the church. The director could be assisted by a music committee and will have general direction over the entire music program of the church. Each association is asked to elect a music director. Please send the names and addresses of these to your department office as soon as possible. We hope to be able to announce some districts and have a director over each as soon as they can be worked out.

II. Education. This phase of our work calls for schools of music, church music week, music institutes, music conferences and music clinics. These will be associational wide in order to reach as many churches as possible in a short period. An educational program for each church will be suggested later.

III. Service the churches. This department wishes to be of the greatest help possible to all of the churches of the state. This can be done by serving as a contact point for evangelistic singers and churches needing their services, by suggesting suitable music for choirs and various other music groups, music for other occasions, helping directors with choir organizations, rehearsal schedules, and conferences on any music problem or plan.

IV. Promotional work. Publicity of the work in the state, the associations, and the churches is a vital part of our work. Articles for The Baptist Record, dailies, radio programs, public addresses, and correspondence are ways of advertising and promoting the work of the department.

Please feel free to call on us and the department of music will be ready and happy to serve you.

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Grand Rapids, Mich.—(RNS)—The Rev. Louis H. Bones, Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif., has succeeded Dr. Bernard J. Mulder as editor of the Church Herald, official weekly of the Reformed Church in America. Dr. Mulder, who has edited the journal for nine years, is past president of the Associated Church Press, and widely known in Protestant journalistic circles.

## Northside Doubles Building Fund Jackson Church Has \$14,028

Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, pastor, made history Sunday by bringing in contributions of more than \$7,000 in one day. The church had designated September 30 as Building Fund Day, with all the offerings that day going to the building fund toward a new church plant. The goal set was to double the building fund which stood previously at \$7,014.40.

Excitement ran high as the offerings passed the six thousand mark in

the morning service. When the final figures were in at the close of the evening service the total for the day was exactly \$7,014.40! The building fund doubled in one day!

Truly it was a great day in the life of Northside church. The response of the people was marvelous. They gave voluntarily and generously and sacrificially. This response will make possible in the immediate future the launching of construction on the first unit of the new church plant.

W. LOWREY COMPERE, Pastor.

## Newton Writes ODT

Colonel J. Monroe Johnson

Director

Office of Defense Transportation

Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Johnson:

Let me say, on behalf of Southern Baptists, that from the moment Mr. Byrnes issued his order in the early days of 1945, banning all major conventions, we promptly and heartily pledged our cooperation, and as the record will show, we made no appeal to hold the centennial session of the Southern Baptist Convention, which had been advertised for five years, until after the surrender of Japan. We then filed an application, with a covering letter explaining why it was so vitally important to have this three-day streamlined session on November 6, 7 and 8, 1945, in order that we might adopt our postwar program, both for the homeland and for the many nations in which Southern Baptists carry on missionary work, involving colleges, orphanages, hospitals, etc., together with the support of innumerable local churches. We felt that this was a reasonable request, and still do, and we were reinforced about this in the fact that Senator Walter F. George joined us in the request, as your records will show.

As late as September 7, your Mr. Frank Perrin sent a letter stating that your committee had reviewed our appeal and disapproved the meeting of the convention, under the circumstances above described. We had held the auditorium in Atlanta and the pledged cooperation of the hotels in Atlanta for the postponed meeting, and when this letter, dated September 7, reached us on September 10, we released the hotel rooms, and then on September 12, the announcement was made from Washington that all restrictions on conventions were lifted.

Making allowance for the expected bungling and boom-doggling of the bureaucrats in Washington, I still submit that this is one of the prize exhibits of our government's policies of penalizing those who try to cooperate. Many of our people insisted that we go on and plan the convention without regard to the request of the government, but our committee knew that we were doing the right thing when we cooperated to the full limit of the regulations, and even beyond. But I may say to you that it makes us all rather nauseated to think that horse-racing, baseball, transportation for legal and illegal liquor operators, and numerous other forms of money-making schemes were given priorities and special consideration, when the churches have been put at the bottom of the list and treated

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING

### UNION ATTENDANCE

September 30, 1945

	SS	BTU
Vicksburg, First	614	121
New Albany, First	541	223
West Laurel	533	141
Jackson, Calvary	1,128	300
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	638	283
Newton	285	135
Winona, First	334	52
Ackerman	145	
Fellowship, Jasper county	55	
Liberty	165	
Crystal Springs	501	154
Wellman, Lincoln county	56	77
Carmel, Lawrence county	120	120
Louisville	513	121
East Louisville	60	42
Friendship, Jackson county	75	80
Kreole, First	79	34
Spring Hill, Simpson	59	
Magee's Creek, Walthall county	75	89
Brookhaven, First	531	104
Kosciusko	458	145
Jackson, Parkway	602	168
Jackson, First	1,149	262
Jackson, Northside	188	60
Agricola	100	78
Rocky Creek, George county	128	70
Ellison Ridge, Winston county	150	138
Cross Roads, Webster county	80	
Hardy	100	
Pleasant Ridge, Union county	150	73
Houlka, Chickasaw county	74	44
Wallerville	52	49
Byram	71	75
September 23, 1945		
Rocky Creek, George county	109	64
Steen's Creek, Rankin county	155	96
Hattiesburg, Main Street	504	194
Centreville	110	56
Agricola	116	67

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According to Pastor Rowe C. Holcomb, the one week revival meeting which closed last Sunday night was one of the best in the history of the First church of Kosciusko. There were 65 additions, 35 for baptism. Twenty-two came at the closing service. During the past associational year there have been 114 additions. Rev. John E. Barnest, Jr., pastor of Main Street church, Hattiesburg, was the evangelist, and the music was under the direction of Bill Nason.

Chaplain Harry A. Borah, former pastor in Panola county, will soon be released as a chaplain and will be available for a pastorate. His address is Batesville.

with utter contempt.

Such treatment will in no wise affect our attitude toward our government and toward the many, many tasks at hand and ahead, but we do hope and pray that in future emergencies, should they ever come upon us, we may be allowed a type of leadership which will at least be fair. We ask for no special consideration, but is it too much to hope that we should receive a square deal?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) LOUIE D. NEWTON.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our books will close promptly Wednesday morning, October 31, for the current Convention year. All treasurers, churches, other individuals and groups desirous of having their contributions entered this Convention year should see that they get into this office not later than the morning of October 31. This is going to be the biggest financial year Mississippi Baptists have ever had, and certainly you will want to have the largest possible part in it.

Second, all institutions, committees and departments have been asked to get their annual reports for publishing in the Convention bulletin into the Convention Board office not later than October 5. WE ARE EXTENDING THAT TO OCTOBER 10 AND CANNOT GUARANTEE THE PUBLISHING OF ANY REPORT RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE. The constitutional provision for this reads:

"The Convention Board, AND ALL OTHER BOARDS, commissions, standing committees and agencies of the Convention shall make reports to the Convention through the Convention Board, which reports shall be published, and shall be made available to the members of the Convention, and for distribution on the first day of the annual meeting of the Convention."

Some of our Boards have not heretofore complied with this constitutional requirement.

## THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST

### CONVENTION BOARD

#### OFFICE OF

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi

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## LEAKESVILLE BAPTISTS ENLARGE EDUCATIONAL PLANT

Work is now under way for a \$5,000 addition to the present educational plant of the First Baptist Church of Leakesville. This will provide space for a fully departmentized Sunday school and B. T. U., besides making possible a large recreation room and church library. This additional space has been made necessary because of the steady growth of the church during the past two years.

Also recently completed is an elevated baptistry with a partial glass front, in which several candidates have been baptized.

When this work is completed it will give Leakesville Baptists the best workshop between Hattiesburg and Mobile as the highway South is followed.—Church reporter.

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## Leflore Association Meets At Schlater

There were six additions Sunday night, Sept. 30. Four were by letter, and two by baptism. The total number received into the church during the months of August and September is thirty-six. Of this number fifteen were by baptism.

A gas heating system has been installed in the new church and the pastor's home. The work goes well. Thanks to the good Lord.

The Leflore County Baptist Association will meet October 12, at Schlater. The meeting begins at 10:30 a. m. Any state man or woman representing out Baptist work is cordially invited to meet with us any time during the day, if you cannot stay all day.

B. T. BISHOP, Pastor.

# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall ALL men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 14:34-35.

We have run into a regular comedy of errors within the last few weeks. On page 14 in The Baptist Record issue of September 27 we gave the number of participating churches, association by association, for the first six months of 1944 in the first column, whereas, the second column shows the same picture for the first six months of 1945. Check your association and see whether it gained the first six months of this year over the first six months of last year. Many did gain.

A CORRECTION: First Baptist Church, Moss Point, should have been FIFTEENTH in Group No. 2 of the 100 churches leading in gifts to all causes beyond the local church.

A CORRECTION: We deeply regret that Liberty Baptist Church was omitted from the list of churches recently printed, in gifts to all causes beyond the local church. It should have been listed as giving \$2,660.12.

We are indebted to our bookkeeping department, Miss Schilling, bookkeeper, Miss Middleton, assistant, for the recently published list of churches contributing by associations. Mr. J. E. Lane, an associate in this department, prepared for us the two lists of 100 churches leading in contributions. We thank them.

## I

Because of the press of many duties we had missed at least two south-wide meetings during the year. We managed to attend part of the recently held Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting at Nashville. The state secretaries and editors were urgently invited to attend. Every state secretary was present, an unusual attendance, and practically every editor was present. Southern Baptists may be happy over the spirit manifested in the meeting. There was plenty of discussion, but not one note of acrimonious debate. The fine spirit of Dr. J. Howard Williams from the chair helped greatly.

Another impression has to do with the Cooperative Program emphasis. Every state secretary was emphatically in favor of expanding the Cooperative Program and giving it first place in promotion. Probably many people think that the state secretaries conceive and bring forth the special campaigns. As a matter of fact, they do not. It was the unanimously expressed opinion of the state secretaries that the Cooperative Program should have right-of-way in the churches, and that special campaigns should make their primary special appeal to individuals and financial groups, at the same time not denying any individual or church the liberty of designating or fashioning their own plans.

We cannot imagine anybody's asking for more. It was FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT WE NEED TO USE THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM CHANNEL MORE LARGELY.

The additional needs of Southwide institutions called for an extra three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for 1946. One state secretary said that his state probably represented 10% of Southwide Baptists. He suggested that his state would probably be willing to accept 12% of the additional \$3,000,000 goal. Another secretary publicly stated that his state represented approximately 8% of Southern Baptists and he felt his state might take eight or ten percent of this extra amount. SUCH IS THE SPIRIT OF OUR STATE SECRETARIES.

Southwide leaders were just as magnanimous in spirit. Again, we observe that the devil cannot defeat that sort of spirit.

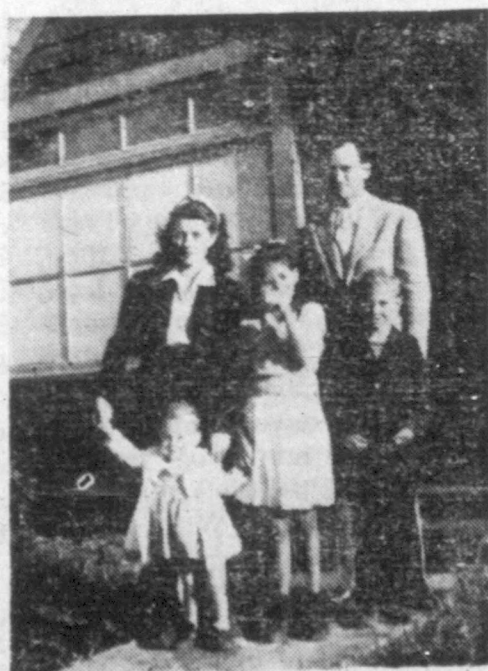
## II

We particularly enjoyed being with Pastor Gene Crawford and the other saints at Sidon. Somebody walked the aisles for Christ every day during the revival. That sort of thing does not just happen! The pastor and the people had made preparation and God blessed their efforts. There were 21 additions, twelve by baptism. The house was filled night after night and packed even on Saturday night. Brother Frank McDonald, outstanding Christian layman and song leader of Meridian, led the singing in a most helpful manner. Doxology!

We present at right a picture of Pastor Felton H. Griffin, Mrs. Griffin and the three children. Brother Griffin is pastor of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska. They stand in front of the present house of worship. The church house is altogether too small and they are in a building campaign at the present time. We shall not forget the Christian courtesies and testimonies from those fine Christians during our visit there. Numbers 6:24-26. To us they are really heroic in their faith.

## III

If the associational pastor or evangelist plan of work is to stay, the person in that position first of all must be a soul winner. He will win souls on the highway, in the field, in the home, at school, in the church, on the church ground, on the bus, on the train, at the mill, in the shop, across the counter!



That is his work as it is our work, the work of the pastor and of the laymen! That will keep his heart warm! He will need it!

Second, he must play fair ethically with the pastors and churches! He is to supplement their efforts and work with them! He is not a dictator! He is not "over" anybody! Who among us is?

Third, he is not to turn converts loose to the wolves! He will bring them to church membership. He will organize them into a church in unchurched areas.

Fourth, he will major on preaching in neglected areas, in churchless sections, in schoolhouses, on the streets, in the shops, to groups and to individuals! If he is just a supply, if he just fills in, he will soon fall out!

Fifth, he will be loyal to all the cooperative work and workers of our churches!

In turn, the pastors and churches will be prayerful, loving, cooperative and helpful to him!

We sat talking to a millionaire! We wanted to buy him a soft drink. Someone spoiled it by paying for it. He said, "We have all sorts of opportunity for doing good, and we have the money but we cannot find men of vision, poise, courage, executive ability," etc. He meant it! We know the man quite well!

We thought, where are our homes? Where are our churches? Where are our schools and colleges? Where are our seminaries? What of this society and civilization?

Men want their way. They will not work the "other fellow's" plan! Each one wants to be the leader of the orchestra! If he has to play an instrument, it must be a big horn or the bass drum! Each one wants to set himself up more than he wants to serve others for Christ's sake!

Some such were the observations of the millionaire!

What is our greatest problem? Sin is one! Self is one! Personnel is a primary concern! Who will be loyal? Who will play the game according to the rules? Who has ability, energy, vision, the cooperative spirit, good humor, spirituality? Oh, it is so easy to be lazy, selfish, cheap, little, jealous, hateful and hating, "catty," "a smart aleck," and to strike back. Yes, the millionaire is right—personnel is a problem!

Note the varied procedure these six years in a constant evangelistic emphasis. First, we emphasized as always a perennial evangelism—two or three revivals a year. Prayer, preaching, personal soul winning and persistent visitation are some majors in this phase. A special was in the realm of association wide evangelism. We went with others into such campaigns the first two years in Carroll, Itawamba, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Pike and other associations. Second, the intensive loyalty campaigns followed during the next year. Third, the district evangelists were employed. Fourth, came the Hyman Appelman campaign. Fifth, we are now turning to the most intensive effort of any beyond the local church, namely, the associational evangelist. All the while we have been pressing church evangelism and personal soul winning.

It may be seen from the above statements that we have had a sustained evangelistic emphasis. We have not fashioned a mould saying "You must do it this way." God has blessed the efforts!

Some Baptists prove beyond doubt they do not want a great soul winning effort. They "won't play" unless it is done their way. They "won't play" unless they lead the band. They don't like the method. They don't like the personnel. "This is not the time"—ad infinitum.

Other Baptists pitch in with a warm heart, a wholehearted cooperation, a happy helpfulness and God blesses them and others through them. Doxology!

## HOW A PREACHER CAN KILL A CHURCH

The July 20 NOW carried an article entitled "How to Kill Your Preacher." Among the responses from that article was one containing the following points on "How a Preacher Can Kill a Church":

Ignore the flock except at the hour of service. Only devote time to those belonging to your denomination. Scold the faithful for the coldness of the absentees. Don't say or do something good for another denomination. Don't fill the pulpit regularly. Don't have a suitable substitute when you must be absent. Don't support or attend Sunday school. If you attend, always be late. Don't organize the young people. Don't visit the ill and needy. Don't visit those who are well. Don't have a friendly and appealing disposition. Don't use words easy to be understood in delivering your messages; use all the high-sounding words possible. Don't be content with your present pastorate, but be continually on the lookout for a bigger and better one. But the most effective way for a preacher to kill a church is to feed it the deadly poison of modernism instead of the living Word of God.—Now.

## IV

On Tuesday morning of last week, Ellis Freeman, aged 71, Negro janitor, who had faithfully served the Convention Board for 27 years, was struck by a hit-and-run driver. Bleeding and paralyzed, he was fully conscious for a few hours before his death. When found he asked that the ambulance take him to the Baptist Hospital. While a member of the Methodist church, and treasurer of his church, he felt that Baptists were "his people." After being visited by Convention Board employees, he turned to his daughter and said, "Everything is all right now—my people will see after everything." Ellis Freeman was the finest type of Southern Christian Negro. He vitally aided in the work of Christ at home and to the ends of the earth. Psalm 23—John 14.

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### FAITHFUL FREEMAN

As reported in the September 27 issue of The Baptist Record, Ellis Freeman, for 27 years the janitor for the Baptist Building offices, died as a result of being hit by a truck. An account of the accident will be found in another column.

Freeman, as he was known to all of us, was a colored GENTLEMAN of the old order. During all the 27 years that he served Mississippi Baptists no dishonorable deed or disrespectful word was ever charged to him. He served all workers, men and women, and so served that his honor was never questioned.

Freeman was faithful. His duties as janitor required early hours, but rain or shine, hot or cold, he was on the job.

Freeman was honest. He made daily trips to the bank carrying and bringing countless thousands of dollars. Not a dime was lost.

Freeman's entire life was an example of how one may scatter the seeds of courtesy, kindness and sunshine around even in places of humble service. He had a kind heart that was a fountain of gladness that never ran dry.

Pathetic was his passing. Along with most of the Convention Board workers, he was a member of the Board Employees Retirement Plan, and was to have retired on November first on his well-earned pension.

Freeman loved his church. He was faithful to his work, but during moments of relaxation he was usually talking about his church or some phase of religious life. The little, the mean, the useless things had no place in Freeman's thinking or conversation.

### CHRISTIANS ARE DAILY LETTER WRITERS

Letter writing is an art. Some people can write beautiful letters which move the readers to agree

with what they present. Paul was a powerful letter writer. His persuasive pen was tipped with golden ink in its earnest love for God and its tender compassion for his brethren in the flesh! Letters that bring words of sympathy are a blessing in times of grief. The ministry of writing helpful letters is one that people might cultivate who cannot speak eloquently or visit personally. Such a ministry of letter writing has brought untold blessing to one who has tried it in a small way.

Letters with the winsome motive of turning men toward God will bless the world. Philippians will sear and hurt. Not only do such letters injure the one toward whom they are directed, but they may be as boomerangs to the writer. It was said, "He that takes the sword shall perish by the sword." Is it true that "he who takes a violent pen in hand, will reap a harvest from other similar pens"?

Christians are told that they are "living letters," known and read of all men. With life and pen, shall we try to write such epistles as the great Author will approve? Blots and blurs will make the message ineffective. May all of our "living epistles" be blessed ones!

### RETURNING VETERANS

Before V-J Day there had been much talk of what we should do for returning veterans. Plans were in the making for a post-war world. But the post-war world came upon us more suddenly than we had expected.

Churches need to adjust their war-time schedule of small departments to peace-time needs of returning service men and women.

Classes for veterans will need to be established and good teachers secured. Some of these younger veterans will find their places as teachers, as members in the Young People's Departments, and others in the Young Adult and Adult Departments.

Some of our churches are providing places for those returning to civilian life. Every church has had men and boys from their ranks to go into the service and all of the churches, large and small, must take care of returning service men upon their return or lose them for the church and Kingdom service.

This is a challenging situation. Surely the local churches, which met in a noble way the going of these from their ranks, can meet in an equally noble way their return. These returning with their varied experiences on war fronts and in camps can make a worthwhile contribution to our worship and church life. Utilize them and help them.

### FRIENDLINESS IN THE HOME

In many of the discussions on the Christian home which have been printed of late, one thing has been omitted which is probably one of the most vital of all to success in achieving the goal. That is friendliness in the home! Friendliness!

Have you ever noticed that when people outside of the home meet, they engage in "small talk" about pleasant things they have seen and heard? Have you noticed that they will relate amusing things they have read or observed? But how often do people in the home circle make any endeavor to be friendly, and share the pleasant things they have seen and heard?

Sometimes it seems that home is just a place to relax and "act ugly" and be unpleasant. Do we agree with the small boy that "gripping at home is all right"? Are Christians obligated to be friendly and pleasant at home? Do not unpleasant Christians at home influence unbelievers against the very thing they should be leading them to follow?

If we, as Christians are not making such a very good impression in the family circle, would it be well to search our hearts and see if we may be stumbling blocks to others? If we would try for a month to be as friendly to each other in the home as we are to people outside, the whole atmosphere of many abodes would be radiantly improved.

### HEART SERVICE VS. LIP SERVICE

Personal relationship with God in the private life should bring out fruits genuine in its purity. The bane of the "active church worker" is "professionalism" instead of spiritual service. The tendency to use words, instead of praying from the heart—trite phrases that mean little more in reality than the pagan's prayer wheel.

In all the organizations of the churches, we believe leaders can with profit search deeply their own hearts as they lead—and see if they are truly serving the Lord "from the heart." Then, they should seek consciously to lead their groups to "worship in spirit and in truth." Training Union workers with the young Christians ought to have a careful conscience on the matter of "leading in prayer" and "taking active parts on the program." Will we sin against the child if we teach him to "pray in public" without being very sure he understands that he must tread softly in the presence of the Lord? What better will

our people be than the ones who turn the beads on the rosary, if they are not taught awe and reverence as they enter the Garden of Prayer?

We believe this matter can be studied and that increased spiritual feeling can result.

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### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### WE ADMIRE MORAL COURAGE

In this era of conformity it warms the cockles of one's heart to hear of men and women who refuse to give up their moral ideals for money and influence. Two instances that have come to our attention concern no less figures than Tom Harmon, the football star and air pilot, recovered from South American wilderness, and Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace.

Tom Harmon, telling in the Saturday Evening Post how money was offered him when he was a great star, explains how and why he refused to lend his name to the advertising of beer and cigarettes chiefly because he thought of his influence upon idolizing youngsters and friends and did not propose "to let them down."

In the case of Mr. Wallace we have the temptations offered on his South American tour. He has been dining out in Washington for years, the wettest years of that very wet city, and yet he has remained a teetotaler. Friends in the city have been kidding him because he went all the way through wine-loving South America without taking a single drink. In the city of Daird, Panama, a ball was given in his honor. A charming senorita was designated "Queen of Court," but when she asked Mr. Wallace to dance with her, he graciously told her that he did not dance. She then raised her glass of champagne and proposed that he drink with her a toast to democracy. He replied in Spanish, "Democracy has no court." At a state dinner in Peru, he inverted the several wine goblets at his place, and this led the hostess to do the same with her goblets.

Whatever one thinks of politics or of football, certainly he can admire the moral courage of individual men who refuse to conform.—Christian Standard.

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Dr. M. L. Shannon has served as clerk of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc for 46 years. He recently celebrated his fiftieth year as a Pontotoc business man.

## Sparks & Splinters

Trinity Baptist Church in DeSoto county was inactive for sometime, but Mrs. A. R. Oswalt, church clerk, writes that the church has been activated again. They send in an offering to Cooperative Program causes. The building was about to fall down, so the folks from that and nearby communities came in and rebuilt the church in one day—the ladies preparing lunch.

Dr. Edgar Godbold, president of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., has decided to continue in his present position and will not accept the position of Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The observance of Intermediate Emphasis week in the Agricola Baptist Church was a great success, except for the fact that the study course planned had to be postponed. The Intermediates were cooperative and the manner in which they planned and presented their programs proved their ability to serve. We expect to have our study course during the month of October, studying "Our First Task" by Mrs. McCall. All departments of our Training Union are having their socials each quarter and the growth of Christian fellowship among our people is a glorious thing to behold. —Reporter.

The First Baptist Church of Louisville received great blessings from a Training Union study course held September 24-27. The course was offered for Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult members. The total enrolled was 110 with 91 completing the examination. The course was ended with a clever ranch-house social following the examination period. Interest in Training Union participation during the Intermediate Week of Emphasis was great. The Louisville Baptist Training Union is prayerfully organizing for the approaching year and is expecting big dividends for time and effort invested in the Lord's work.

Pontotoc: Sunday, September 23, marked the first anniversary of the death of Mrs. M. L. Shannon. As a memorial to her memory Dr. Shannon gave \$100 to the Beginner Department of the Sunday school to which she gave many years of faithful service during her lifetime. Dr. Shannon gave this money and asks that it be spent as the workers in that department see fit. This is certainly a worthy memorial to a faithful worker.

Dr. J. Norris Palmer has just closed his twelfth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. During this time the church has received 5,917 members, 1,532 of them for baptism. Financially this church has grown from a budget of \$16,000 per year to \$100,000 annually, and contributions for the period covered by his ministry amount to \$601,519.79. (Editor's note: Dr. Palmer is a Mississippian, a native of Blue Mountain.)

New York—(RNS)—During the next three months, 214 one-day training conferences will be held throughout the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention to prepare for the Christian Life Crusade which the denomination will launch on January 1, it was announced here by Dr. Eva J. Shearman, executive secretary of the crusade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henderson have written to express their thanks to friends and to West Salem church for the love offering during the recent illness in their home.

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Captain Harry A. Borah, chaplain in the United States Army, has returned home after 28 months spent in Africa and France. The Batesville Baptist Church was honored to have him preach at their church Sunday night, September 23, his first sermon since returning home.—Dorris Bailey, reporter.

The Young People's Department in the Petal-Harvey church, of which Rev. Virgil Ratcliff is pastor, has an active enrollment of 22. Several from this department are still in service and others in college (two are at Blue Mountain). The department is anticipating Promotion Day when 18 Intermediates will be promoted into the department. Among their plans for the future are a "Get Acquainted Night" in honor of the new members and the new officers and teachers; and a "Wrapping Party" when gifts will be purchased and personally wrapped for some of the men in veterans' hospitals. This is a loyal group of young people and we are proud of them. The following new officers have been chosen: A. R. Lee, superintendent; Spencer Wilson, secretary; Carroll Freeman, chorister; Miss Omega Ford, pianist; Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff, Mrs. Spencer Wilson and M. B. Hensarling, teachers; Mrs. N. Wight, assistant teacher; W. H. Clearman, general superintendent of Sunday school, and Miss Minnie Esther Ratcliff, director of Training Union.—Mrs. Spencer Wilson, reporter.

In the promotion of our foreign mission program during this crucial period of readjustment and expansion it is essential that we keep our Baptist people informed. "The Commission," our foreign mission world journal, is the most effective agency through which we may hope to do that, reaching the largest possible number. Our churches are in the process of arranging their budgets for 1946. Let them consider putting this great magazine in their budgets. It costs only fifty cents the year for one subscription, only 4½ cents per month. It is soon to appear in thirty-two page size.

Winona: Our goal for Promotion and Rally Day attendance was 300. We broke all records with an attendance of 334. This is a larger number than we had enrolled at the same time last year. The enrollment a year ago was 327 and it is now 443. The men's Bible class went over the top in its attendance. The goal was 32 and they had 41 present. Chancellor Vernon D. Rowe is teacher.—C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor.

The W. M. U. of Bassfield church observed the season of prayer for State Missions with Mrs. Bilbo Young, program chairman, in charge. The goal for the offering was \$72 and the amount of the offering \$86.18.—Mrs. S. Clark, secretary.

The following associations meet next week: Clay at Pine Bluff, Oct. 9; Jackson at East Moss Point, Oct. 9; Choctaw at Mt. Pisgah, Oct. 9-10; Tishomingo at Mt. Moriah, Oct. 9-10. Walthall at Salem, Oct. 9-10; DeSoto at State Line, Oct. 10; Lawrence at New Hebron, Oct. 10; Tate at New Hope, Oct. 11; Holmes at Pleasant Ridge, Oct. 10-11; Covington at Sanford, Oct. 11; Leake at Pleasant Hill, Oct. 11; Leflore at Lowland Chapel, Oct. 11; Mississippi at Glading, Oct. 11; Perry at Seminary, Oct. 11; Winston at Good Hope, Oct. 11; Itawamba at Trinity, Oct. 11-12; Neshoba at High Hill, Oct. 11-12; Pearl River at Union, Oct. 11-12; George at Agricola, Oct. 12.

## Baptist Group Reports 100 Per Cent Increase In Missionary Contributions

Detroit—(RNS)—An increase of nearly 100 per cent in missionary and educational contributions was reported at the 65th annual meeting of the Negro National Baptist Convention here.

A special campaign to raise \$1,000,-

## Everyone Can Make Safe Investments

All thinking Christians agree that it is wise for the denomination to lay up some reserve for the lean years that are sure to come. The question in the mind of us all is—"How can I have a part in preparing a reserve of endowment funds that will keep our work going without having to borrow money when current income falls off?" The following is an attempt to answer that question:

Let us keep in mind that the Foundation does not spend money, but invests funds belonging to Christians and churches for the benefit of some kingdom cause. This is done in two ways, first, by making a gift to an institution or agency and placing it with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation to be invested; second, by making your gift to the Foundation without designating the income to any one institution. The income from money so given will be divided among all institutions and agencies on a percentage basis.

### Ways to Lay By

You will find listed below ways which make it possible for everybody to have a part in preparing against the lean years when interest rates go up to provide the largest income when it is needed most.

1. The individual may make a gift to the Foundation for all the work, or to any one or more of the institutions owned and fostered by Baptists. If one can make a large gift, well and good, but many can make small gifts regularly. Fifty cents a month would be six dollars a year. One dollar a month as an offering would be easy for thousands of our people at this time. Groups such as W. M. U. circles, Sunday school classes, etc., could give one dollar or more monthly. The church could vote a definite amount or percentage of the surplus piling up in our churches now, and send a check each month to the Foundation for this reserve fund. This can be done now by many churches.

2. Others may have money or property on which they must depend for income. Interest rates are so low in safe investments that it is a burden and worry to many of our older people. This money or property can be turned over to the Foundation, and we will give a Religious Gift Contract guaranteeing a set income for life on the basis of age, and what is left in this at the donor's death will be used for the Lord's work on and on. It increases your income while you live, and aids the Lord's work after you are gone.

### Make a Will

3. Every Christian twenty-one years old, or older, should make a will. At least one-tenth of one's estate should go to the Lord. The state law allows one to give as much as one-third if there are direct descendants living, and one may give all to Christian work who has no descendants. No inheritance tax is charged against what you give to religious causes. Make your will today and remember

## Athletic Letters Presented At Blue Mountain

Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 25—Evelyn Wright, Greenfield, Tenn., president of the Athletic Association of Blue Mountain College, made the annual presentation of athletic letters to the following girls Saturday in recognition of their participation in college athletics:

Edna Mae Gunter, Sallis; Maryelsie Hawkins, Oxford; Anita Headrick, Laurel, members of the Euzelians; Jeanne Whistle, Black Oak, Ark.; Ida Lou Coulter, Hattiesburg; Elaine Caldwell, Starkville; Annie Lou Anthens, Yazoo City; Joe Haynes, Memphis, Tenn.; Eleanor Langston, Starkville, members of the Eunomians; Mary Tom Berry, Philadelphia; Mary Ruth Smith, Blue Mountain; Bettie Jane Beland, Tralake; Marjorie Bailey, Richmond, Va., members of the Modenians.

Letters will be sent to the following who graduated last year but who accumulated the necessary 1000 points or over toward an award: Anne Loftin, Red Banks; Mary Ruth Reaves, Euzelians; Arlena Smith, Blue Mountain, and Julia Lacy, Newport, Ark., members of the Modenians.

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New York—(RNS)—Millions of dollars worth of new church construction projects are being held up because of the high price of labor and materials, it was reported here by E. M. Conover, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture. As a result, Mr. Conover said, he is advising churches to continue raising funds for building projects to complete their architectural plans, but "under no circumstances to seek contractors' bids at the present time."

Pastor H. A. Johnson sends in an offering from Eucutta, Wayne county. This church has not been making such contributions through the Cooperative Program, and it is good to have them join in this great work.

The annual meeting of the Sunflower Association W. M. U. will be held at the Indianola church on Friday, October 12 at 2 p. m.—Mrs. A. A. Coleman, superintendent.

your Lord in it. The Foundation can act as administrator of your will if you desire.

4. You may not feel you could give one thousand dollars, or five thousand dollars to our work, but you could pay an insurance premium each year and make it payable to the Foundation. Such premiums are deductible on your income tax up to 15 per cent allowable.

5. Some may desire to establish a memorial to some loved one. This is a splendid thing to do. As in the case of many of our fine young Christian boys, they did not get to live out their normal lives, and such memorials can work for the Lord in their name indefinitely.

### 1000% Interest

The above suggests how all of our Christian friends can make investments that can never be lost, and which investments will bring an income one hundred fold. This is an interest rate of 10,000% promised by Christ from the Bank of Heaven.

Start your account today, and let the Mississippi Baptist Foundation handle it here and the angels will record it in heaven.

For further information write A. B. Pierce, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

### SPEAKER FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS



Miss Kathleen Mallory  
Executive Secretary Woman's  
Missionary Union

There are no means of enumerating Miss Mallory's countless contributions to Kingdom progress, in her dynamic leadership through Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. It is said the only way to measure a person is around the heart. Miss Mallory's love, interest and service encircle the globe. Twice, Miss Mallory at her own expense has visited Southern Baptist Mission fields. She went to the Orient in 1923-24, and to South America, Panama and Cuba in 1930. These visits were a large factor in influencing her entire leadership and service. Hers is a world vision, beginning at her Jerusalem. She is an active member of the Missionary Society. Miss Mallory is in her thirty-fourth year of service. She has zeal with knowledge, vision with purpose and faith with works. We rejoice in the prospect of having her in our district meetings.

### Other Speakers

Miss Gladys Keith, superintendent, Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans.  
District I—Griffith, Jackson, Oct. 23.  
District V—Starkville, Oct. 24.  
District IV—Calvary, Tupelo, Oct. 25.  
District III—Water Valley, Oct. 26.  
Miss Inabelle Coleman, teacher in Shanghai Baptist University, Shanghai, China.  
District II—Clarksdale, Oct. 30.  
District VI—Union, Oct. 31.  
District VIII—McComb First, Nov. 1.  
District VII—Laurel, First, Nov. 2.

### Conference Period

A special conference period for associational and district officers will be conducted by your state secretary and Miss Mallory will conduct a conference for local officers.

### Special Exhibit

The Baptist Book Store will have a representative in these meetings, Mrs. Genevieve Day, library consultant. Mrs. Day will have exhibits of four of the series of books in the Missionary Round Table Project—also exhibits for young people, as well as other features of interest.

### NATIONAL EVANGELICAL COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN ITALY

395 Broome Street  
New York 13, N. Y.

To All Christian Churches,  
Benefactors and Friends:

The enclosed printed report rendered by Rev. P. J. Zaccara, one of our three delegates to Italy, Dr. Dewey Moore, Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, was one of the three, is a vivid but tragic picture of the Italy of today. We are thankful to the Almighty for the things we have been able to do for them, so far, through your generous assistance. But the situation in Italy at large, and in particular in our churches, is still a harrowing one. A recent report from Italy states that in the Provincial Insane Asylum of Naples, the inmates are walking around naked for lack of clothing to clothe them. Letters arriving from Italy from our committee, from pastors and individuals, bring a heart-rending story of the misery, privation, humiliation and tears; and appeals of such a nature as to move the heart of anyone who has within himself a spark of the Spirit of the living Christ.

We must, therefore, appeal to you again for all your used clothing. You have done so much, we know; but we must not relent in this work of mercy. Think of the coming winter and of the horrors facing those who are roofless, naked, diseased and hungry. Let the Spirit of Christ, who went around doing good, and said, "Give and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38), be your guide. Remember His holy words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least it unto me."

As in our last campaign, the clothing you send will go to Italy through the channel of the "American Relief for Italy, Inc." Its fairness in the past is a guarantee that our churches and our brethren throughout Italy will not be discriminated against. Each and every one of them will receive, in due time, what he needs for himself and his family.

### Here Are Some Constructive Things You Can Do to Help

- (1) Start a concentrated campaign in your church and community to gather clothing for this coming winter. Thus you can save many lives.
- (2) Write to your State W. M. U. Department, Box 530, Jackson, for names and addresses to send your packages to.
- (3) Perhaps you can also start a project for the purchase of a bicycle, motorcycle or a car that might be used by our ministers in Italy.

Whatever you do, be it large or small, may God richly bless your efforts in bringing succor to a starving and naked people.

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Salem, Ore.—(RNS)—S/Sgt. Jacob D. Deshazer, 32-year-old army flier, who was released from a Japanese prison camp three weeks ago, has written his mother here that he wants to go back to Japan as a missionary. He has been recuperating in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. One of General Doolittle's fliers shot down over Tokyo and a prisoner for 41 months, Sgt. Deshazer said he will undertake a four-year course in a religious college to prepare him for a mission career in Japan.



## Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

### OTHER STATES

We are securing information on the work in the states having Brotherhood departments, and from time to time, it will be a pleasure to share with our readers news on what is being done in different states in our Southern Baptist Convention.

### Texas Program

We are glad to introduce this week the activities of our Texas brethren. L. H. Tapscott, formerly educational director in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, is state Brotherhood secretary. He is promoting a most vigorous program; and our pastors and Brotherhood workers will be interested in this summary statement from Brother Tapscott on what they are doing and how.



L. H. TAPSCOTT, Secretary  
Baptist Brotherhood of Texas

### State Officers

The state officers are as follows: a state Brotherhood Convention president; vice-president, recording secretary, and a state Brotherhood advisory committee, composed of three pastors and two laymen.

### District Plan

We have seventeen districts in the state, each with a district Brother-

hood president who is also vice-president of the State Brotherhood Convention.

### Associational Organization

We urge each association (we have 113) to set up an organization according to the plan outlined by Mr. Cooke in the booklet, Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood.

### Meetings

Our plan of meetings calls for the state meeting annually, on Monday night, Tuesday morning and afternoon just preceding the opening of the Baptist State Convention on Tuesday night. Our district meetings are held annually, either in the spring or in the summer in connection with the District Brotherhood Encampment, where held. We have six such encampments. Associational meetings are planned for once each quarter. Church Brotherhood meetings are planned for once each month on a week-night. Of course, other plans for the meeting are used in some churches. Our state office advocates the monthly meeting.

### Number of Organizations

As of June, 1945, we had Brotherhood presidents selected and reported from all seventeen districts, from 107 of the 113 associations, and from 703 churches. It will be understood how difficult it is to keep a corrected list of all functioning organizations.

### Literature

We publish each quarter a "Brotherhood Bulletin" and send it to all Brotherhood presidents. For "Layman's Day," October 14, we will have a special Brotherhood broadcast over a chain of seven stations, the week before the 14.

### State Headquarters

Our State Brotherhood Department includes two people, one of whom is the office secretary who handles the correspondence, literature, mailing lists, etc. We are included as a department of the State Executive Board and have a definite appropriation for the work of our department.

## Church Bombed, Cross Spared

By Dr. G. Norman Price, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Indianola  
Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Some of your readers will perhaps be interested, as we were, in the partial contents of a letter from one of our members in the navy, Sam L. Jones, to his father, Rev. W. L. Jones, of Indianola. Writing from an LST in the Pacific, he recounts some inspiring observations:

"You would be interested in a church over at a village nearby. When the Japs came they took over the church and adjacent houses for barracks for their soldiers. They also took the people's homes and food. But to get back to the church. When we moved in to take the village, naturally, it was necessary to fire on everything. (By we I mean the army and navy.) The church was not spared. It was a major target. Naturally it was shelled and bombed into shambles . . . except the northeast side and gable. And to this minute standing high, unbent and unshattered, at the very top of the stone gable, is the Victorious Cross. Majestically it still stands, erect, amid the shattered ruins of a blasted village. Its base points straight to the earth where men live, signifying that through this cross the love of God came down to save and redeem mankind. The cross piece still points east and west indicating that the sacrifice made thereon was universal in its scope and efficacy. And above the cross-piece the pinnacle still points straight into the sky silently declaring to all men of all the earth that there is a better way and a better place. Yes, the Way of the Cross leads HOME!"

"I am sure you will be interested in this strange coincidence of war. You might want to use it as an illustration with my comments or others of your own . . . as you see fit."

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London—(By Wireless to RNS)—Baptists in Denmark are "firmly consolidated and made advances during the war and the German occupation," Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, chairman of the British Committee for Baptist Reconstruction in Europe, reported on his return from that country. Dr. Rushbrooke added that the Baptists in Denmark "will ask no aid for themselves, but stand ready to offer help to others as soon as the way opens."

# BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary - - Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: Miss Louise Hill, Miss Clarice Conner  
Miss Nella Dean Mitchell, Mrs. L. R. Williams

## A Current Missionary Event Each Sunday

In the Oxford Intermediate Union each Sunday night, the missionary leader, or a member of the missionary committee, gives a "Current Missionary Event." These are gotten from some one of the magazines, the daily paper, or occasionally from the mouth of one of the boys or missionaries who have been across. It proved to be a very interesting part of the program. The leader is suggesting to the missionary leader that she use the new State Mission Book—Our First Task—especially the human interest stories in it for some of these special features. We pass this idea on to other unions believing it is a splendid way to develop the mission spirit in the members.

## Special Material For Assembly Programs

The director of the Blue Mountain College Training Union finds Bays Worship Programs and Stories for Young People, and Christ in the Fine Arts two very helpful books for use in planning the special features given each Sunday at general assembly. The Monthly Training Union Magazine, of course, has helpful suggestions. They should be studied several weeks in advance so all programs can be rehearsed if necessary.

## Assembly Programs

Thinking of assembly programs again. One director said, "I find the easiest way to 'pass the buck' on the special feature program we are supposed to have each Sunday is to let the different unions in turn be responsible for them. I forget them then, it becomes their worry." Now what do you think of that "buck passing director"? Sometimes he has a special feature, and sometimes he doesn't. He never knows whether or not there will be one, but I guess he doesn't care since he "forgets it." He is right, that is the easiest way, but the easiest way is not the way a real director wants to do it. It isn't such a bad idea to have the different unions take their turn in giving these special features (you certainly would not want to follow the plan continuously) provided the director assigned them the program he wanted given, and assigned it at least two weeks in advance, or at least consulted with the union about it and decided with them on a program they were going to give. This feature should be made to contribute greatly to the thought for the month. Follow the Training Union theme, make every program vital.

## Faithful Freeman Goes to Reward

Freeman Ellis, who for about twenty-five years has served Baptists at headquarters in Jackson as janitor, has passed to his heavenly reward. On his way to work before daylight Tuesday of last week, he was struck by a truck and lingered only a few hours. He was a bonded employee of the board, brought the mail, which contained thousands of dollars, from the post office every morning, and a little later in the day carried the money to the bank. He magnified his position, was respected and appreciated by all other employees, and will be missed, perhaps, as much as the going of

any other employee would be missed. He looked forward to retirement soon. It came sooner than he had expected, and in a different way. He was a worthy member of his church. His wife preceded him to the heavenly home a few years ago, he leaves several children, all grown, to mourn his going. To them we extend deep sympathy.

## E. D. Estes Goes to Arkansas

There may be others who have not heard that one of our very best workers has resigned his work with our board and moved to Arkansas to take up the work of state missionary in that good state. Brother Estes has endeared himself to many of our people as he has proclaimed the riches of grace in Christ Jesus throughout the state. He is a "full fledged missionary" promoting every phase of the work as opportunity allows. We are sorry to see him go, but our loss is the gain of Arkansas Baptists, and others whom he will influence.

## Intermediate Emphasis Week at Tangipahoa

Intermediate Emphasis Week in Tangipahoa church, Amite county, was sponsored by the Training Union, director, Mrs. J. H. Smith, and Intermediate leader, Mrs. H. E. Bales, cooperating. The Intermediates were in charge of all services during the week, serving as all church, Sunday school and Training Union officers, and doing their job in a wonderful way. On Saturday night Mrs. Smith entertained the new pastor, Rev. A. W. Talbert, and deacons at a steak supper at her home with the Intermediate girls and their leader, Mrs. Bales, serving as co-hostesses. Miss Hilda Bearden gave the welcome address. Deacon F. M. Reeves responded. Juanita read a history of the first deacons. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Talbert, their daughter, Elsie May, deacons: J. M. Bales, B. E. Wilson, H. E. Bales, F. J. Bearden, F. M. Reeves, sixteen Intermediates and their leader.

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## Eddleman Leads Red Lick Revival

Rev. R. A. Eddleman, former pastor, led the revival meeting at Red Lick church, Union Association, the first week in August. The pastor, Joe Causey, and his wife, according to Mr. Eddleman, are held in the highest esteem by the entire community. Evidence of this was the liberal love offering presented to them at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Causey served as pianist during the meeting, in the absence of the regular pianist, Mrs. P. T. Graham.

Mrs. G. B. Blank, associational superintendent of women's work, and Mrs. P. T. Graham, leader of the young people's work, are members of Red Lick church. No better and more loyal group is to be found than the Red Lick Baptists.

Mr. and Mrs. Causey reside at Clinton where they are outstanding students at Mississippi College.

## Seminary Launches Building Program

By Erwin L. McDonald

The first major building program at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, since the erection of the present plant twenty years ago is now under way, excavation having been completed for a new \$160,000 classroom wing to Norton hall.

The new annex, located on the east end of the building, will correspond in architecture to the library wing. There will be three floors. Located on the first floor, a semi-basement which will be well-lighted and ventilated, will be a student center, including a book store and confectionery. Five large classrooms and a women's lounge will comprise the second or main floor, which will be on a level with the administration offices. The third floor, on a level with the main classrooms now in use, will include two sound-proof, acoustically treated rooms for public speech classes and for the making of recordings; eight seminar rooms; and a men's rest room.

The new wing will more than double the classroom space, making the seminary plant adequate for the nine hundred students that attend its classes each year. Provision of new classrooms, along with the planned increase of the teaching staff, will meet one of the institution's major needs, making it possible to divide large classes into much smaller groups.

Providing necessary materials can be secured without delay, the new building should be completed and ready for occupancy by the middle of the current school year, President Fuller estimates. Addition of the classroom wing, along with two large residences acquired in recent months for the seminary's School of Church Music, will give the seminary the equivalent of three new buildings, with a total value of \$500,000.

## Chapel to Be Built Soon

The alumni of the seminary has raised a total of \$170,000 in cash to date toward the erection of a \$250,000 memorial chapel, and construction of

## Choir Rehearsals Are Essential

The rehearsal is very essential if the choir is to do its best work, for without it the very mission it is to perform would be a failure. The time and place of meeting is a problem to be decided upon by the choir director and music committee. Some necessary essentials for a successful rehearsal are:

1. A definite time. Begin and close each rehearsal on time.
2. A definite place. Comfortable and convenient with seats assigned. All members should be prompt in attendance.
3. A definite program. Everything should be well planned before the rehearsal and the director should know what he is going to do.

For further suggestions, write your State Department of Church Music.

## DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT WORK

RILEY MUNDAY, Secretary

STATE BSU CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN, OCT. 19-21.

## Choc-Talks

Mississippi College's Baptist Student Union got off to a great start at their pre-school retreat held at Roosevelt Park. BSU president, Miss Mary White Nelson, is leading her group in a fine way. Dr. Paul Horner, brother of Lt. Charles Horner and pastor of 15th Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian, really made a hit with the students. Dr. Horner delivered the inspirational sermons. Your student secretary reported state BSU work and discussed technique and methods of BSU.

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## Editor Goodrich Suggests EVERY STUDENT PLAN

That Mississippi Baptists may become student-conscious, and Mississippi students become Baptist-conscious—your state secretary suggests that The Baptist Record become our organ of information.

The EVERY STUDENT PLAN of The Baptist Record is as follows:

Bro. Goodrich says that a college BSU group can take individually the Record for 8½ cents per student per month. All college BSU groups should take advantage of this gracious offer! Student reporters should send all news of local activities direct to The Baptist Record for publication.

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## Clarke College Has BSU Retreat— Henry Carter Leads Group in Fine Way

President Henry Carter—keyman at Clarke. They have a new student secretary—her name is a military secret. She will be presented formally at the BSU State Convention at Mississippi Southern, Oct. 19-21! Dr. Green is to be commended for his excellent leadership as college president. Rev. McKinster gave an address on the "GI Education Bill" that would make for good reading in The Baptist Record.

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## FOR PROSPECTIVE NURSES

Attention is directed to the advertisement of the Southern Baptist Hospital appearing elsewhere in this issue. Stoppage of government funds for Cadet Nurses will not affect students in that school of nursing, as it was not in the cadet plan. The hospital will continue to furnish maintenance, uniforms, textbooks, etc., free of charge, and will also continue to pay a liberal monthly stipend to each student. The next class will be admitted in January.

this badly needed building will probably be started next spring, Dr. Fuller reports. Progress was made last summer toward the financing of a new apartment house for married students, which will be built as soon as funds are in sight.

## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

W. R. ROBERTS, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

### Clinic Quotes

We recently attended the South-wide Better Bible Teaching Clinic in Birmingham. Several of the best leaders from over the South were on the program, and we are glad to share with our readers some of the fine things they said that week, as the following:

"The teacher's great task is not to make the pupils learn but to make them want to learn."

"There is no learning where there is no study."

"The pupil's sincere questions are clues to his needs."

"The teacher's work is not to provide counsel for the wide, wide world, but to furnish help for his class."

"The teacher cannot impart knowledge, he leads the way."

"Churches need only one pulpit and it should be occupied by the pastor."

"Christ carried on His work, primarily, not on power or political maneuvering, but on a teaching ministry. He risked His cause on a policy of teaching. He was known, primarily, as that."

"The pupils' needs determine the teacher's aims."

"The atomic bomb has made the Word of God a necessity for the world."

"The Bible is an ancient book for a modern world. It is a timeless Book for this time."

"Jesus did not teach simply because He had nothing else to do, but when He was not teaching He always did something else."

"We never reform anything by beginning with the adults."

"We'll never train our people to support all our causes by having them give to designated objects."

"The ultimate objective of all our teaching is the objective found in the Bible."

"One secret of success of our men in Normandy was voiced by one who said, 'We have confidence in our weapons.' That should be our feeling toward the Bible."

"The Bible is not just a book for old age, or childhood, or for library reading—it is all that—but it is a book of action."

"Christianity thrives when its institutions put emphasis on teaching."

"One may learn without a teacher but one cannot teach without experience. No one can teach beyond his experience. Religious growth results from experience and not from discussion."

"Teach little but teach that well."

"When the teacher studies, acts and talks, he learns. When the pupil studies, acts and talks, he learns. If one learns he does it by action. The pupil may like the teacher's voice but he likes his own better."

"The most valuable teaching is our efforts to help the pupil meet vital, personal needs."

"In dealing with people, Christ saw beyond what they were and into what they might become. He began on their level and led them on."

"The speaker is like a ferry boat: the thicker the fog the louder the toot."

"Aims should be stated in terms of pupil effort. They should also be definite, worthy, attainable related to

the unit of teaching."

"Without pupil activity there will be no learning."

"Christ taught in the realm of things that were vital. He risked His cause on an enlightened conscious."

"It's spiritual malpractice to arouse an emotion is one line to get a response in another line when the conviction in that line is not deep enough to make it permanent."

"Each nation is what it is, largely, by what it has taught its people."

"Knowledge does not save; but personal faith in Christ does."

"The most significant thing about life is the possibilities of growth."

"New Testament evangelism was adult evangelism, and the history of every great revival is that it was adult evangelism. Therefore, we need to go out where the adults are and seek them for Christ."

"When we walk with the Lord we have a desire to become like Him."

"Prayer is the gateway to complete sympathy with God."

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### ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN GERMANY DAMAGED SAVE ONE BUT BAPTIST WORK GOES ON

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school, of which Professor C. Neuschaefer is the president, located in Hamburg, is non-existent now. The buildings were completely destroyed. The Baptist Publishing House at Kassel, Germany, has been bombed out also. . . .

While in Erfurt, Germany, I visited and had conferences with Rev. Wilhelm Wagner. As most of the free churches in Germany, this church building is located off the main street behind some apartment houses.

On the walls of the attractive auditorium are written out in bold letters the following Scriptures: "We preach Christ crucified," I Corinthians 1:23; "Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me," Revelation 22:12; "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price," I Corinthians 6:20; "One Faith, One Lord, One Baptism," Ephesians 4:5.

The Baptist doctrines are well-stated by Rev. Wilhelm Wagner, pastor of the Eben-Ezer Chapel, Erfurt, Germany. I quote his words:

"The congregation of believing baptized Christians, which are also known under the name of Baptist congregations, do not form a state church, but a so-called free church. They pay for their church and missionary expenses without any help from the state, by free-will and thank offerings from their members. They refuse by conviction to accept the spiritual mediation of the clergy, because it is not in accordance with the New Testament. They stand upon the principle of the pure gospel of the early Christians and only want to be lively Biblical churches, whose members according to Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, and Acts 2:37-42, became believers in Jesus Christ. On the account of this faith, by submersion (Romans 6:3-4) let themselves be baptized and effected by their own freewill their adherence to the congregation. Their principles are: Faith in the living, personal God, in Jesus the Redeemer and Saviour of the world, furthermore unselfish obedience to the will and all the commandments of our God and Saviour, and free-will exercising of the love of their members to the benefit of all needy people."

There are 22 Baptist churches in

### COLLEGE STUDENTS SEE MISSIONS PREEMINENT

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create increased opportunities to preach the gospel around the world. . . .

The chief spiritual limitation to missionary work, it was felt by the students, is occasioned by the propaganda of hate bred of war—war, itself, involving the pitting of nation against nation in a deliberate policy of destruction, being the antithesis to the preaching of the gospel of peace.

Totalitarianism, as a political ideology aimed at disfranchising the individual in every expression of his personality and even in his free approach to God, was seen as a tremendous influence by which nations have shut their doors against the preaching of the gospel.

It was also noted that the war years have brought a growing trend toward totalitarianism in religion, represented historically by the arrogant Roman Catholic hierarchy and paralleled today by movements designed to break down denominationalism through the pressure of human logic and bring all professed Christians into an artificial union, designed to wield political and social power. . . .

Again these Christian students recognized the exhilarating fact that God overrules the folly of man to accomplish His beneficent purposes, as evidenced in the present war by the ministry of Christian chaplains around the world and the witnessing of men in uniform on every continent. In this connection it was also noted

Berlin and about 30 pastors including some laymen. The membership of the churches is about 8,000. The Sunday school work during the past few years was greatly disturbed by the influence of the Nazi regime. A fine youth movement was also hindered by the Nazis who allowed them to work and come together only in their church rooms.

Of all the church buildings there is only one without damage. That one is the Baptist church of Berlin-Dopenick. The other churches and chapels have damages from 10% to 50% to 100%.

In the Baptist church in Berlin-Charlottenburg, I witnessed the baptism of an American officer by Chaplain Burgess Riddle, Southern Baptist, from Texas.

Among the ruins of the Baptist churches of Berlin, I have not seen anything that impressed me so much as the scene at the Berlin-Steglitz church. There is total destruction with the exception of some of the walls left standing. On the wall near where the pulpit was located are to be seen the words of Isaiah 53:4 standing out in bold letters: "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."

Yes, in these distressful days for the Baptist people they can look away to the Christ who has become their burden-bearer.

I attended a meeting of the young people of the Steglitz Baptist Church (Berlin), held in the house of the deaconesses.

Most of the time was given to talks about the work of the Baptist young people in America and Germany. I gave a brief resume of the activities of the Baptist Student Union, the Baptist Training Union and the Sunday school work as conducted by Southern Baptists.

Dr. Theodore Meister, a young Christian doctor and a leader among the young people, gave some facts about the young people's services in Germany.

My firm conviction is that these young people have true faith in the Lord Jesus and desire in their hearts to be true to His doctrines and teachings. They send their Christian greetings to the Baptist young people of America.

### Pleasure And Comfort Soldier Says Record Brought

According to Lt. F. E. Randle, now with the army of occupation in Austria, the recent article by Pastor Niemuller was in accord with the facts as he has seen them in Germany.

Lt. Randle, a 1935 graduate of Mississippi College and native of Crawford, has seen three years service in the army. His wife, the former Miss Katherine Vanderburg, and a son are living with Mrs. Randle's mother, Mrs. G. M. Vanderburg, in Clinton. Mrs. Randle is organist for the Clinton Baptist Church.

The letter written by Lt. Randle follows:

Bavaria, Aug. 25, 1945

Editor, Baptist Record  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

Please let me thank you and the church at Clinton for mailing me The Baptist Record during the past year. I have read the paper under varying conditions in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Austria. It has always been a source of pleasure and comfort for me to be able to keep up with what goes on at home in the most important activity of our lives.

You recently carried an article by Pastor Niemuller on the Spiritual Condition of Germany. Having been in Germany since last winter, I can certainly bear witness to the truth of his statements. No matter what year it is, or what land it is, the only method that mankind has ever found to bring peace and justice to all is the method taught by Jesus Christ.

I would like again to say thank you to you and your workers and all our Mississippi Baptists.

F. E. RANDLE,  
First Lieutenant, F. A.

that there has been an encouraging breakdown of spiritual isolationism developing from the war. The contraction of the globe has been focused upon the attention of people everywhere in the advertisement that it is now no more than 60 hours to any point on the earth. . . . Conditions of today have given Christian people a new realization that the pagan inquiry, "Am I my brother's keeper?" cannot reflect the outlook of Christians.

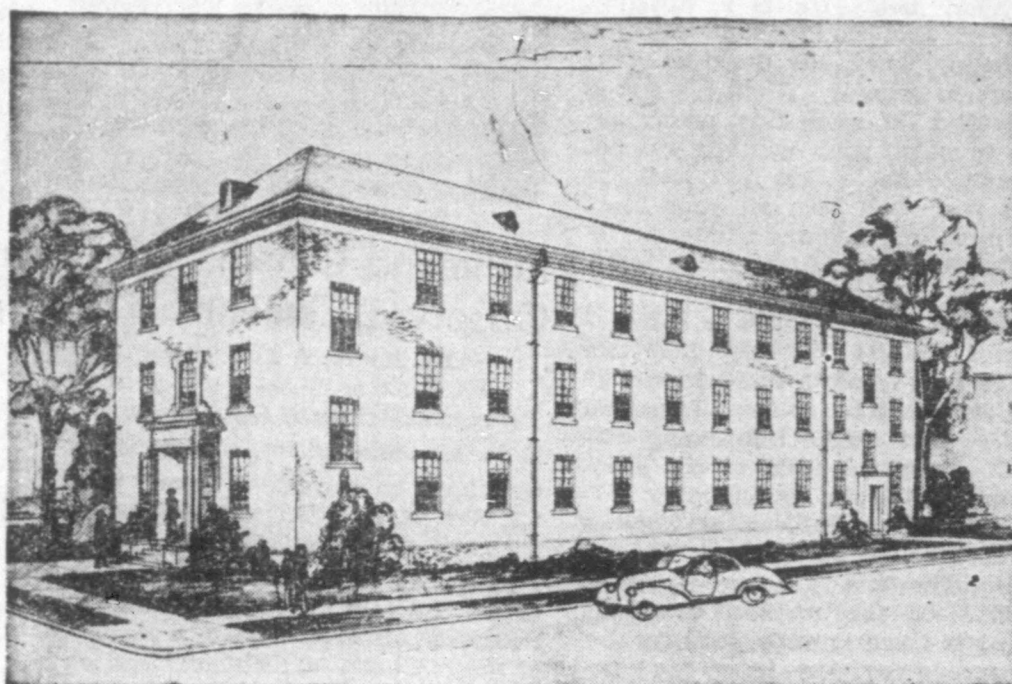
The physical devastation wrought by the war, and the humanitarian and Christian response of America to meet physical need after the war, may quicken the religious zeal of Christian Americans to meet spiritual need. In responding to the call to feed starving people and rebuild a war-torn world, the students expressed the belief that there would be an attendant awakening to missionary opportunities and responsibilities.

A restoration of confidence in American Christianity will be a major task when the war is ended, the students decided. In admitting that confidence in America's Christianity needs to be restored, the students were aware that they were confessing that our good faith, whether deservedly or not, has been called in question by the peoples of the world. . . .

Missionary work, the young people agreed, is a matter in which a Christian must engage today, wherever he may be and by whatever circumstances he may be circumscribed. Missions is an endeavor not toward which we look forward for tomorrow, but in which we must engage today. The main concern, therefore, was not in missions in a post-war world, but in missions today.

# The Government Says: "DO IT NOW"

Architect's Drawing of Proposed Men's Dormitory To Meet Urgent Need. Students Are Being Turned Away This Session for Lack of Room.



Many of the 1,100 Baptist Chaplains Will Desire a Seminary Course Under the G. I. Bill of Rights. 545 Baptists in the Armed Services Have Surrendered to the Ministry — They Will Seek Training. Space Must Be Provided.

The War Production Board has given priorities for the erection of a Men's Dormitory ... provided construction begins in 75 days!

This evaluation of B.B.I.'s need of a Men's Dormitory adds force to the Southern Baptist Convention's approval of our \$200,000 Building Fund Campaign

## We Are Half-Way to Our Goal!

Shall We Begin Construction With Half The Money In Hand?

or

## Shall We Forfeit Our Priority?

or

Will You, Along With Other Southern Baptists, Invest An Additional \$100,000 In This Project At Once?

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 7

### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Matt. 22:26-39; Mk. 12:28-34; Lk. 10:25-37

#### Introduction.

What I write here will not make sense unless you open your Bible and read the passages. Now, face the question as to what Christianity is. Is it a system of religious ceremonies merely, or mainly? A sort of insurance against the possibility of future fires, an expedient to prevent one from dropping into hell? Or is it a way of life, also? A system of practical living which springs from a vital force within the Christian? Salvation is all of faith. That is true, but we are to refrain from the theory that there is nothing for our hands to do, for our hearts to feel of helpfulness to other men, of service to God by the gifts of self in service to others. Let a preacher say in his own words what Christ in many places says, and the preacher will be criticized for preaching a gospel of works. Paraphrase the Sermon on the Mount, and there are people who will say it is a social gospel, and that it holds no hope for the men of this sinful age. "Believe on the Lord Jesus," yes, and I have a notion that those words mean that we are to believe what He says. When He says, "Go and do," let us believe those words, and go and do, and thus shall we demonstrate the fact that we have trusted Jesus.

I. The Great Commandment. Matt. 22:36-39; Mark 12:28-31.

It was a pertinent question. The scribes had deduced commandments from the original ten until they counted no less than 613, of which 365, or many more than half, were prohibitions, and 248 positive. Now, just you try to imagine a chap starting out to keep from breaking any one of 365 prohibitions, and to carry out every one of 248 positive commandments. So, if a man were faced with the alternative of keeping one and violating another, which should he observe and which disregard? Suppose a man's neighbor were sick, and it was the Sabbath, and the sick man must be neglected, or some work had to be done in the face of the commandment against working on the Sabbath day. And other cases of like conflict might arise. What is it in a commandment that gives it first place, primacy, binding force?

And the Lord gave meet answer. The commandment which enlists man's entire intelligent life. Love here means fellowship in thought, in affections, in purpose. Love here means the engagement of man's whole being in the service of God—body, heart, will, every whit of the whole man, and this will be a genuine love of God when, and only when the love for God in the life of a man shows itself in the same man's love for his fellows.

And the love of God with the whole being must be the mainspring of the actions of the man who professes to love his Lord. He must pray because he loves the Lord, and will pray acceptably only because he loves the Lord. He must plow for the same reason. If he does not, he receives no

reward, nay, he is irreligious in his life.

Come back to the division of the answer our Lord gave, or to the latter half of the great commandment, "And thy neighbor as thyself." Now, that is much harder than to profess love for an abstraction. God is spirit! You do not see Him. His garden fence is not a cross-fence between His chicken yard and yours. His dog does not worry your cat, and your Brown Leghorns do not fly over the fence into His garden and do mischief there. But the next door neighbor, now. He is a different problem. Can you love him? Can you be happy when his daughter wins honors in school? When his son is applauded for some fine, manly action to which your own boy was not a party? Not unless you love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.

II. The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-37.

Did the Lord call this a parable? Where? Or did this story here told by our Lord record a real happening? Was there a traveler from Jerusalem down? And did he fall among robbers? From the form of the story, I think that is the way it was.

I heard Will Sullivan of Natchez say that we have here three theories of life: The first is illustrated by the conduct of the robbers, who said, "What is thine is mine, I'll take it"; the second by the priest and the Levite, who said, "What is mine is mine, I'll keep it"; and the third by the Samaritan, who said, "What is mine is thine, I'll give it."

I think our Lord was trying to get into the head of his questioner, "And who is my neighbor?" the idea that neighborhood is created by need. The question was put in one direction and answered in the opposite. "You ask, 'Who is my neighbor?' and I answer, 'Nay, that goes at the matter from the wrong angle. The question for you to face is, 'To whom am I bound as neighbor? and what is the nature of the bond which binds me?'" and my answer to the question when thus put and rightly put, is this: You are to be neighbor to every man who has need."

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## Yalobusha Baptists Report Gains

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Yalobusha County Association was held September 7 with the Hopewell church.

Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spoke on missions. Chaplain N. B. Saucier was also on the program.

Eighteen of the twenty churches were represented. Reports showed a gain in finances to local expenses and to the Cooperative Program. There was a gain of 11 in the number of baptisms over 1944.

The following were elected to serve for the new year: Moderator, Rev. A. H. Childress; vice-moderator, Kermit Cofer; clerk, Sellers Denley; treasurer, T. D. Clements. Nominated as a member of the State Convention Board was Rev. A. H. Childress of Coffeeville.—Sellers Denley, clerk.

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W. L. Mounce of Ecru recently sent a club of 14 subscriptions.

Mrs. J. V. Hollis, church clerk, recently sent a list of five subscriptions from New Liberty church in Calhoun county.



DR. H. R. HOLCOMB

## Richmond Church Observes Centennial

By James T. Pettigrew

Richmond church, Lee county, Dr. H. R. Holcomb, pastor, celebrated its centennial on July 22. A former pastor, Rev. M. E. Haddon of Leakesville, preached at eleven o'clock.

Following a sumptuous basket dinner on the ground, James T. Pettigrew of Tupelo gave a history of the old town of Richmond and of the church. This was followed by addresses by Dr. Felix Underwood of Jackson, who was reared at Richmond; J. M. Thomas of Tupelo, and



RICHMOND CHURCH

Rev. Swep Threlkelk of Tupelo. The closing address was delivered by the pastor, Dr. H. R. Holcomb.

Space limitations will not permit printing the excellent history of the town and church which was prepared by James T. Pettigrew. However, the paper in condensed form is given below.

As there is no written history of the old town of Richmond and no record of the church prior to 1884, I have relied on the memory of some of the oldest living former citizens.

Following the departure of the Indians in 1839 many people from the eastern part of the United States, especially South Carolina and Georgia, began migrating to northeast Mississippi. My grandfather came in 1841. The establishment of the town of Richmond was the result.

Records show that Arch Thomason was the first settler in Richmond who built a home. The old town was located on a hill where Lamont Posey now lives. The building of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad greatly affected the future of the community. One by one the stores were closed or the owners moved them to other towns being established on the railroad.

The final and death blow to Rich-

mond's future as a town came with the building of the Frisco Railroad. The last storekeeper on the original site of the town was Roman Thomas. He moved his business to Plantersville in 1888.

The Baptist Church at Richmond was organized in 1845. Fairfield church, located about three miles southwest of Richmond was older than the Richmond church. A majority of the Fairfield members voted to disband and unite with the new church at Richmond. Some refused to move, and for many years maintained an arbor at old Fairfield site, where annual arbor meetings were held for more than 50 years.

No definite records of Richmond church are available beyond 1884. The name of the first pastor is unknown, but there is a tradition that shortly before the Civil War Rev. W. C. (Billy) Thomas became pastor. He served during the war and on into the Reconstruction period.

Having lost the old church roll, a new one was made in 1884, but it did not contain the names of the original members. Several pages of this roll have been lost. The oldest addition mentioned on the remaining roll is Sarah Pettigrew, who joined in 1856 by letter from a church in Georgia. The next two oldest entries are those of Julian Springer, 1865, and Elizabeth Williams, both by baptism.

We know that the following families were identified with the church in its old location: Armstrong, Barrett, Brassfield, Blythe, Brinkley, Cook, Coker, Dodson, Estes, Gibson, Herald, Hathcock, Hamilton, Harris, Ivey, Looney, Mattox, Leslie, Moore, Mabry, Murphy, Pettigrew, Randolph, Stanley, Sullivan, Springer, Scribner, Threlkeld, Tate, Thomas, Williams, Wileman, and Webb.

In 1884 a committee was appointed to report on locating the church at Fairground. The new church was constructed in 1885.

The oldest living members of the original church are, in the order of their age: Mrs. Della Posey, Billy Pettigrew and Swep Threlkeld. Billy Pettigrew is a former clerk of the original church, and Swep Threlkeld is the oldest member to give his life to the ministry.

#### Pastors of the Richmond Church

1845—Tradition names Rev. Black. Length of pastorate not known. Rev. W. C. (Billy) Thomas served many years, period not definitely known.

1884—W. H. (Harrison) Moore; 1885—J. W. Randolph; 1888—J. L. Turnage; 1889—J. W. Randolph; 1890-93—J. M. Goolsby; 1894-95—W. H. Moore; 1896—J. M. Goolsby; 1897-1901—W. H. Moore; 1902—S. P. Harris; 1903-04—J. H. Jenkins; 1905-06—S. P. Harris; 1907—J. H. Jenkins; 1908-09—G. E. Darling; 1910-11—J. H. Jenkins; 1912—Record missing; 1913—John F. Carter; 1914—S. P. Harris; 1915—W. L. Coggins; 1916—Rev. Clark; 1917-20—Andy Darling; 1917—L. L. Jordan; 1922-25—M. E. Haddon; 1926—Clarence Duke; 1927-29—M. E. Haddon; 1930 to date—Dr. H. R. Holcomb.

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The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Rev. J. L. Moore, Dossville; Rev. D. L. Stennis, Meridian, Rt. 1; Rev. L. Frank Campbell, Sumner; Rev. R. L. (Bob) Wallace, Raymond; Rev. A. A. Jackson, Lake; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; J. M. Bridges, Clarke College; Rev. William M. Tabb, Wesson; Rev. Lowrey Compere, Jackson.

## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### MELTONIA LIST ARRIVES

Mrs. Myrtle McKnight has sent a list of ten subscriptions from Meltonia church, Bolivar county, and states that the church is trying to get the EVERY FAMILY Plan installed.

### MISSION USES EF PLAN

The EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record is becoming so popular that mission stations are adopting it even before a church is organized.

Recently Mrs. H. G. Vincent of Rt. 2, Pascagoula, sent an EVERY FAMILY list and wrote, "We are endeavoring to establish a mission in our community and want the Record sent to the enclosed list of names."

### TYLERTOWN

Although Dr. W. R. Cooper, Tylertown pastor, is sick in a Vicksburg hospital his people are carrying on.

The Sunday school and Training Union and women's work are in high gear.

We supplied for them on a recent Sunday and were greeted by two good-sized audiences.

And those who have never enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have missed that much of life.

Walthall county Record readers are listed as follows: CRYSTAL SPRINGS 41, DINAN 40, ENON 14, KNOXO 24, LEXIE 36, MAGEE'S CREEK 48, NEW ZION 28, SALEM 48, TYLERTOWN 139, Union 8.

### MADISON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Nine of the ten churches in Madison county made reports to the association. Ninety-five baptisms were reported for the year. \$12,145.62 was given to all mission causes, which is an increase of nearly \$2,000 over 1944.

Herman Dean, associational Sunday school superintendent, recommended that associational Sunday school meetings be held each fifth Sunday. This recommendation was adopted.

Rev. O. B. Beverly, pastor of the Flora Baptist Church, was elected moderator for the association for the coming year, and D. A. Spence, of the First Baptist Church, Canton, was elected clerk. A delightful lunch was served by the ladies of the First Baptist Church. Marked progress was noted in all phases of the church program.

Among out-of-county visitors were J. A. Travis, of Mississippi College; N. S. Jackson, of the Anti-Saloon League; W. G. Mize, superintendent of the orphanage; A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record; Luther H. Harrison, director of the music department, and Rev. A. B. Pierce, of the Baptist Foundation.

The 1946 session will meet with Flora church, and Don Jones, Bentonla pastor, will preach the sermon.

Rev. C. Z. Holland was nominated as Convention Board member. Herman Dean and Rev. R. Y. Gerrard were elected as associational Sunday school and Training Union superintendents.

Madison county Record readers are

now listed as follows: CAMDEN 23, CANTON FIRST 232, CENTER TERRACE 63, FARMHAVEN 30, FLORA 87, LULA 19, NEW HOPE 21, Good Hope 1.

### RANKIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The highlight of the Rankin County Association was a great sermon by Dr. R. B. Gunter.

Officers elected were: Rev. Wayne Allison, moderator; Rev. G. W. Smith, vice-moderator; H. M. Steen, clerk and treasurer.

Although pastorless, County Line did a superb job as host to the association.

Every church reported something for missions. One hundred eighty-eight baptisms were reported, a gain of 66 over the previous year. All churches except one have a Sunday school.

Several pastors participated in a "testimony meeting" concerning the value of The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan. One said, "I would not be pastor of a church that would not have the EVERY FAMILY Plan."

Rankin county Record readers are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 50, Barefoot 1, BRANDON 56, BRIAR HILL 43, CATO 40, CLEAR BRANCH 67, PUCKETT 41, CONCORD 12, COUNTY LINE 47, EAST SIDE 8, Galilee 1, HICKORY RIDGE 23, JOHNS 21, LEESBURG 43, MIZPAH 32, MOUNTAIN CREEK 22, OAKDALE 44, PEARSON 21, PELAHATCHIE 68, PISGAH 43, Rehobeth 3, RICHLAND 56, ROCK HILL 12, STEEN'S CREEK 92, UNION 30, Whitfield 1, STAR 47, BETHEL 13, LIBERTY 17, Line Creek 1, Dry Creek 8, PEARL CITY 28.

### OKTIBBEHA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The attendance was good and the spirit fine at the Oktibbeha County Association. Dr. J. D. Ray and R. C. Carpenter were re-elected moderator and clerk.

Pastor D. M. Metts and Maben church were hosts. They left nothing undone.

The program was well prepared and the moderator stuck to it. Rev. Riley Munday, state B. S. U. secretary, preached the sermon. His subject was "Preach the Gospel." He did just that.

Baptist Record subscriptions in Oktibbeha county are listed as follows: Adaton 7, BETHESDA 23, LONGVIEW 36, MABEN 43, PLEASANT RIDGE 21, MORGAN CHAPEL 30, STARKVILLE 176, Salem 1, State College 1, STURGIS 44, WAKE FOREST 12, EAST STARKVILLE 8, Center Grove 1, Double Springs 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Leon V. Young of Clinton have returned from a tour of the west. That explains why no "Changes Among the Churches" have recently appeared. Mr. Young officiated at the wedding of his daughter, Edna Earle, to MMM 1st Cl. Barney Ray Grogan of the U. S. Navy. The First Baptist Church of San Diego was the scene of the wedding. During the trip the following places were visited: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Calif.; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Vancouver, British Columbia; Victoria, Canada; Spokane, Washington; Yellowstone Park and Chicago.

London—(By Wireless to RNS)—A memorial chapel to commemorate Robert Raikes, founder of the British Sunday school movement in 1780, was dedicated at St. Mary's church in Gloucester by the Rt. Rev. A. C. Headlam, Anglican bishop of Gloucester.

## October 28 Is State Mission Day

J. E. Dillard

Every Southern Baptist Sunday school should observe State Mission Day October 28 (or nearest convenient Sunday).

Because this special day is in the Convention calendar and we want to be 100 per cent co-operating Baptists. And—

Because every member of every Sunday school should know what we mean by State Missions and what State Missions has done and is doing in our state. We want to be well-informed Baptists. And—

Because State Missions needs our prayers and help. We want to be helpful Baptists. And—

Because the increased opportunities for State Mission work in our state call for increased contributions. We want to be forward-looking and forward-going Baptists.

Building a Christian Commonwealth. This is the title of the attractive program prepared for State Mission Day by Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. It has been mailed to all general Sunday school superintendents whose names are with our state Sunday school secretaries. Ex-

Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 30—Members of the sophomore class, under the leadership of the president, Lila Dale, Old Hickory, Tenn., are serving as "soph cops" this year. Their goal is to make the beautification of the campus a student activity.

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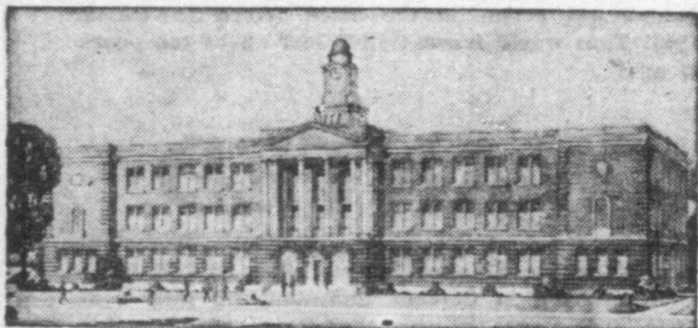
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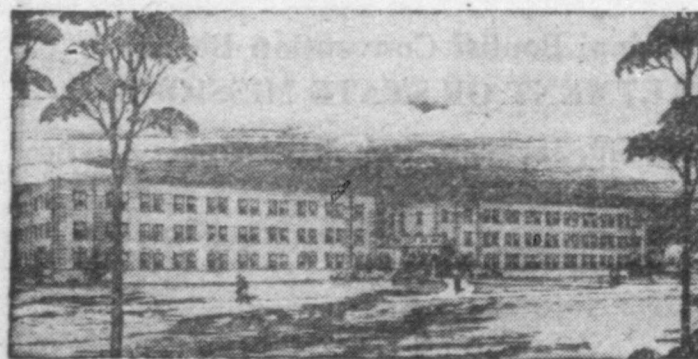


• MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE has for 119 years provided leadership for the youth of this and neighboring states. In practically every community in Mississippi will be found one or more persons who received their education at Mississippi College and whose lives have been influenced by the principles of Christian citizenship taught there.

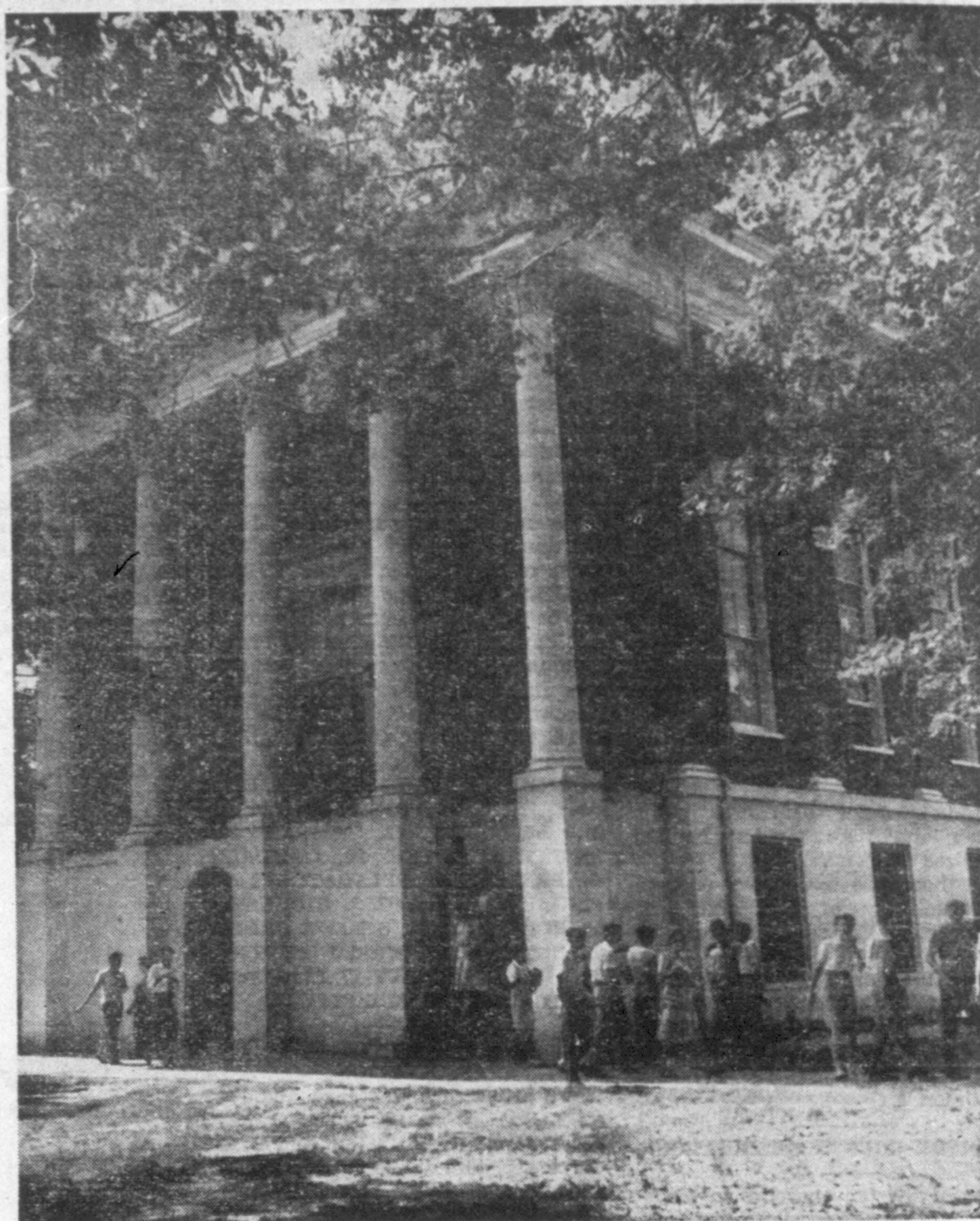
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE has not only provided inspiration and leadership to young men but was among, if not the first college in America to confer a degree upon young women. In 1833 nine young women received degrees. Since that time hundreds of young women have shared the opportunities offered by this Christian institution.



Proposed Administration Building



Proposed Dormitory For Women



• THE HISTORIC CHAPEL at Mississippi College. Erected in 1850, it was used by Confederate and Union forces during the Civil War. It is one of the most beautiful pre-Civil War structures in the state and is in an excellent state of repair.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE, with its historic background and more than a century of outstanding service to youth, is not content to rest on its accomplishments of the past. MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE recognizes the changes that have taken place in the world in recent years and sees in these changes a definite challenge and an opportunity for expanded service to young men and women in the years ahead.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE feels the responsibility that Christian Colleges have to provide the right type of leadership training in the future that an ever increasing number of young men and women may be equipped through the influence of Christian education to take places of leadership in community, state, nation and in the world.

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## Resolutions Concerning Rev. Blanding S. Vaughan

WHEREAS, Reverend Blanding S. Vaughan has resigned as pastor of the South Side Baptist Church as of July 15, 1945, after having served us for twenty-seven years, during which time our church has experienced splendid growth in membership, in a deep spiritual unity of people, and a devoted loyalty to our church and our pastor, and

WHEREAS, under his consecrated leadership, the membership outgrew the old frame building on the corner of Grand avenue and St. Andrew street, thus making necessary the erection of a larger house of worship, the beautiful brick building located on 26th avenue and C street having been completed without incurring any indebtedness, and

WHEREAS, our pastor's sincere devotion to our Lord's Kingdom and its progress led him in instituting the tithe and offering system of financing our church program, and

WHEREAS, he has not been pastor of our church only but he has been a faithful servant of the whole city of Meridian and Lauderdale county and east Mississippi and west Alabama and to our denominational leaders throughout the state which has endeared him to unnumbered friends and acquaintances, and

WHEREAS, he, because of ill health, has resigned as active pastor and has retired from the active ministry, we feel that our loss is irreparable and we feel that his place cannot be filled; yet God has been good to us and we want to give thanks for the twenty-seven years of service this faithful servant has left as footprints for our future course of conduct and as beautiful memories of the past;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the South Side Baptist Church in conference assembled, that we commend the leadership of Brother Vaughan and our pleasant associations with him in his untiring and sacrificial devotion to our Lord's work and in his great power in preaching the word and ministering to humanity's needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we want to think of him not only as a pastor but as a friend, teacher and fellow worker in promoting the Christian cause and of the great influence that he has had through the years and we are happy to inherit such a blessing for our future work and we rejoice in the hope that this influence may continue for many years to come as we have elected him pastor emeritus of our church for life, and it was only in this spirit that we agreed to accept his resignation, yielding to his judgment in the matter after much deliberation in prayer by him as well as ourselves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend his most faithful wife as a capable and accomplished woman whose unselfish devotion to the Christian cause has helped our pastor through the years to render the services he so desired to render, and which has likewise endeared her to all of us and caused us to see that the Christian life is a practical life which can be lived from day to day, and all of this has meant much to our Christian growth and development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we desire to express our great love for Brother Vaughan and his wife and to express our keen sense of loss in losing their active leadership, and to that end our earnest prayers will go with them to bless their lives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

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## Winona Has Great Music Program

In visiting the First Baptist Church, Winona, Mississippi, the state secretary of music department finds a great church music program with several choirs. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Hamlet, gives the credit to the entire church organization which he is leading in a great way.

The senior choir is directed by J. W. Dukeminier and has an average of 20 out of 25 enrolled. They also have an average of 10 male voices. The director has four persons from the choir who assist the director in the selection of the music to be used. The choir gives two special programs each year, at Christmas and Easter. Two other choirs assist in these programs, a junior and a youth choir. In the absence of the pastor the choir recently gave a song sermon and had charge of two prayer services.

The youth choir, directed by R. E. Freeman, has 25 voices. This choir furnished the entire music for two Sundays and all of the music during Youth Week and Intermediate Emphasis Week. The ages are 13-18.

A male chorus directed by the senior choir director has 15 voices and often they are called on to furnish music for the gospel hour services on Sunday evening. They sang for the baccalaureate service at the high school this year.

The senior director, Mr. Dukeminier, also has a boys' choir of boys 7-12. They rehearse each Monday night at 7:30.

The most unusual feature of their music program is the fact that they have four organists. They are: Charlotte Ann Trewolla and Carolyn Kennedy, who serve with the regular choir, the youth choir and the male chorus. Edwina Austin and Dorothy Gray Pickens serve with the boys' choir and prayer service.

The Department of Church Music wishes to congratulate this church for its aggressive music program.

—BR—

### MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 8—Mrs. J. H. Williams, Associational Superintendent, W. M. U. District 3; Mrs. E. E. Parker, Baptist Record Mailing Department.

October 9—Rev. A. G. Graham, Itawamba County Convention Board Member.

October 10—Miss Linda Berry, Music Faculty, Blue Mountain College.

October 11—Mrs. Roy Kuykendall, W. M. U. Associational Superintendent, Deer Creek Association.

October 12—T. T. Gooch, Yalobusha County Convention Board Member.

October 13—Miss Hazel Burnham, Music Faculty, Blue Mountain College.

October 14—Mrs. C. G. Huggins, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 3.

a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this church, and that a copy be presented to Brother and Mrs. Vaughan as a small token of our love for them, and that a copy be sent The Baptist Record for publication, and that a copy be published in the Meridian Star.

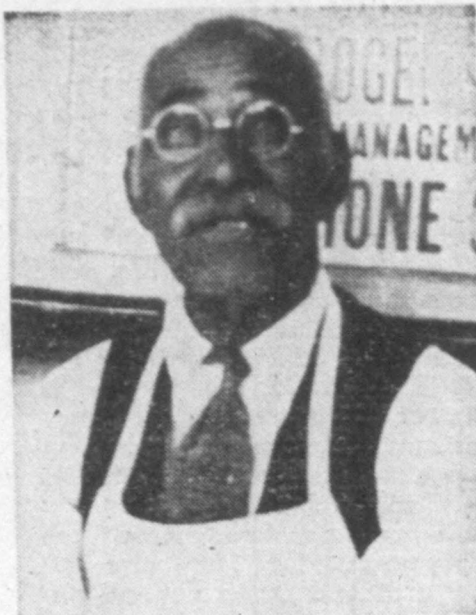
Respectfully submitted,

C. D. SHIELDS,  
MRS. B. T. CHAPMAN,  
W. G. HALL,  
MRS. W. C. MERRITT,  
MISS GRACE CREEL.

Resolutions Committee.

## Baptist Building Janitor Killed

Jackson police are making every effort to locate and bring to justice the "hit-and-run" driver who fatally injured Ellis Freeman, 71-year-old janitor at Baptist headquarters. Freeman was en route to work in



ELLIS FREEMAN

the early hours of the morning of September 25 when he was struck. Members of the family stated that two people saw the accident, and undertook to stop the truck, which dragged Freeman probably half a block before his body fell to the pavement.

The funeral was held Monday

afternoon, October 1, having been delayed until relatives at a distance could arrive. Representatives from Baptist headquarters attended. Freeman had been a loyal and faithful employee for 27 years, and always exhibited the fine spirit that characterized a Christian. He put the interest of the firm he served ahead of his own, and will be greatly missed by all the office workers and the field workers with whom he was a universal favorite.

—BR—

The address of Mrs. Barney Grogan is 2821 B street San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Grogan is the former Edna Earle Young and was formerly an employee of the Baptist Convention Board.

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## THANK YOU!!

The Business Management of the Baptist Record, along with our other work, has been blessed of God and has received such unbounded cooperation from so many sources, we just must express our gratitude. Business Management includes:

1. **MAILING.** This work at first as we took it over gave us great concern as we found it in chaotic condition. Pastors, treasurers, clerks, postmasters, rural carriers, railway clerks and subscribers were sending in numerous complaints. Our desk was covered with returned papers improperly addressed. We have received such splendid cooperation from a reorganized mailing department, from Editor Goodrich and his department and from all the above groups that today this work proceeds with dispatch and efficiency. It now gives us little concern.

2. **BOOKKEEPING.** A set of books has been installed the last three years, the books are audited and records kept correct to date. Miss Lois Tyler, employed about two years ago, has done a splendid work.

3. **ADVERTISING.** We have reputable responsible advertisers. Our local advertisers are among the best. Our other commercial advertising is fine. Our promotional advertising forwards His work.

4. **FINANCES.** Until three years ago the Baptist Record showed from \$3,000-\$7,000-\$10,000 loss each year. This became a part of the so-called "overhead." Last year a profit of over \$12,000 was shown. We will go far above that this year. About half of the profit comes from advertising, the other half from subscriptions. The profit goes into His work.

"Success is good management in action." As long as Baptists use good management in their affairs, they will succeed in every good endeavour in the Spirit of Christ! It is the King's Business!

**BAPTIST RECORD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**  
D. A. McCALL, Business Manager  
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OUR FIRST TASK

(Continued from Page Thirteen)  
Soul winning, missions, Christian education and benevolences.

1945 STATE MISSION BUDGET

Church building evangelism	\$ 7,500.00
Negro work	4,000.00
Indian work	1,000.00
Evangelism (district pastors)	8,400.00
B. S. U. work (campus)	5,000.00
B. S. U. department (six months)	2,000.00
B. T. U. department	8,600.00
Sunday school department	10,300.00
Historical Society	100.00
Evangelistic Conference	1,500.00
Board Employees Retirement Plan	2,000.00
Retirement office expense	2,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Plan	11,000.00
Convention expense	250.00
Fixed expense	300.00
Board meetings	1,200.00
State Mission promotion	1,000.00
Tracts and promotion	1,000.00
Stewardship conferences	600.00
Institutional work	2,000.00
Reserve fund	4,400.00
W. M. U. department	13,250.00
Pastoral evangelism	8,000.00
Service men's aid	7,000.00
Two evangelists (private funds)	6,100.00
Brotherhood	7,500.00
Music department	4,000.00
Associational missionaries	10,000.00

TOTAL \$130,000.00  
Baptist building cost 150,000.00

TOTAL \$280,000.00

More and more pastors and churches are adopting the Cooperative Program as a fair, feasible and scriptural method of sharing most effectively in the world-wide extension of the kingdom.

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we see the loving spirit set forth:

Here are some of the things we are doing to win them:

We are putting our very best into our regular church services. In every community two miles or more from the church, where it is possible, we are organizing Sunday school and preaching services. In every community one mile or more from the church, we are having a cottage prayer meeting, consisting of song, prayer, Bible study and social. (At present we have five of these; the attendance is from 20 to 60 at each one.) We contact 20 to 40 homes each week in visitation, hunting people up where they live. (Each visit is a religious visit.) We lose no opportunity to minister to the sick and those in trouble. This takes us to hospitals often. We are enlisting and training personal workers through study courses and Bible schools.

Do you wish to help these workers along the way? State Missions gifts will do it!

THE BAPTIST RECORD

Fortifying all State Mission work as well as the entire denominational program is The Baptist Record with a growth little short of phenomenal during the past few years. A. L. Goodrich is editor and circulation manager. In June, 1945, he reported above 51,000 subscribers. D. A. (Scotch) McCall is business manager. The following tells its graphic story:

The report of the last six years shows:

1935—Net LOSS	\$ 6,166.18
1940—Net LOSS	7,248.47
1941—Total LOSS	5,943.57
1942—Net PROFIT	3,365.35
1943—Net PROFIT	6,899.87
1944—Net PROFIT	12,808.72

While the paper is not a part of State Missions, its finances are managed through the state office, and its profits go into the work.

SAMPLE STEWARDSHIP  
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Three Hundred Thousand Mississippi Baptists in a "Thus Saith the Lord" Substance Emphasis  
Exodus 25; Exodus 35; The Word of God; Malachi 3:8-18; Leviticus 27:30-34.

Let Us End Rebellion Against God!

We do not know of one instance in the word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing into His services monies in the amount of 1%  
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VETERANS RETURNING  
TO STATE PLACE  
RELIGIOUS WORK FIRST

State College, Sept. 13—Veterans who are planning to return to Mississippi State College place religious activities at the head of the list of extra-curricular activities they intend to participate in, according to the answers to a questionnaire recently sent to several hundred Mississippi State College undergraduates in military service.

Forty-one percent of the servicemen say that they expect to participate in religious activities when they return to college life. Twenty percent express an interest in intercollegiate athletics, but only seven percent expect to participate.

Twenty percent plan to join social fraternities, and ten percent hope to become members of honorary and professional fraternities.

Music, debate, speech and journalistic activities each claims a few enthusiasts. Four percent expects to participate in musical activities, two percent in debate and speech, and three percent in journalism.

This survey of extra-curricular preferences is part of a large survey intended to help the administration adapt the program of the college to the needs and desires of ex-service men when they return to college.

—BR—

Sending a subscription for a little Chinese boy, Rev. D. I. Young of Greenville writes: "I am going to get every family where there is a member of the church." Editor's note: He will do it, too.

nounces His blessings upon the bringing into His services monies in the amount of 7%  
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Do You?

It is always somewhere between 10% and 100%.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

Some years ago, a 12-year-old boy with hair dirty and uncut, a face needing washing, and overalls that were patched and almost filthy, attended a service. He was barefooted and alone. When the invitation was extended, he came. Sad to say, only a small group of church members came to greet and encourage him. After his baptism he attended church and Sunday school, also B. T. U. He took an interest in his appearance, in his school work and in the church. He was graduated from high school, and entered the army where he became a chaplain's assistant. He hopes to live through this awful war, and upon his return he wants to study for the ministry. State Mission workers do not turn aside from unpromising people, for they know God loves every soul.

there be no gatherings when I come." I Corinthians 16:2.

Mississippi Baptists believe the Bible.

Many Mississippi Baptists practice its teachings.

NOONON C. BUTLER

In Memory of Pfc. Noonon C. Butler  
Who Died on the Battlefield of  
France, July 9, 1944

HE CAN'T COME HOME HE IS  
ON THE THRONE

He can't come home he is around the throne

To dodge the shell no more.

We miss him here, but memories dear  
Will remain throughout the years.

He can't come home he is around the throne

Where God and angels dwell.

He is there, no sins to bear  
With friends who love him dear.

He can't come home he is around the throne

No foxhole for his bed.

He loved us here, we loved him dear—  
The soldier has done his best.

He can't come home he is around the throne

He's singing with the rest.

God lead us on to that beautiful throne  
His lovely place to share.

He can't come home he is around the throne

And waiting for the rest

But with loving care, we'll meet him there,  
And meet to part no more.

He can't come home he is around the throne

His smiling face we'll see.

He was so brave, his life he gave  
For country, you and me.

W. C. Hamilton, pastor.

Pfc. Butler is survived by his wife, Mrs. Verda Mae Butler, and daughter, Delores, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Butler; three brothers, two sisters and a host of friends.

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—BR—

Mrs. J. C. Ledbetter recently sent a nice list from Enon church, Panola county.

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## A FAVORITE SERMON

(Continued from Page One)  
of the Lord" Jonah 2:9.

1. In its beginning.  
"He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world" Eph. 1:4. "Who hath wrought and done it?—I the Lord. The first and with the last" Isa. 41:4. In making the plan for our salvation He did not have or need the help of man or angels. Both were created by Him afterward.

2. In its execution.  
"Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to his mercy he saved us" Titus 3:5. "To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly his faith is counted for righteousness" Rom. 4:5. Yes it is all of grace.

Grace first contrived the way  
To save rebellious man;  
And all the steps that grace display,  
Which drew the wondrous plan.

Grace led my roving feet  
To tread the heavenly road;  
And new supplies each hour I meet,  
While pressing on to God.

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

II. It is **Blood-Bought**. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission" Heb. 9:22.

This salvation was not bought with money, neither can be. "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold—but with the precious blood of Christ" I Peter 1:18.

For the Alpine climber the ropes with the crimson thread—the mark of the Alpine Club—are the only ones that can be depended upon for safety. There is no other kind of salvation except the Calvary kind that will stand at the judgment. No social salvation; not philosophy; not science and not moral reform. "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin" I John 1:7. "Blood" is used more than 400 times in the Bible, and must be the pass-word on our lips for entrance at the pearly gate.

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's vains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

III. It Must be **Soul-Sought**.  
1. Yes, it must be sought.

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BAPTIST STUDENT UNION  
SUBMITS REPORT

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the denominations make to serve and develop their student constituencies. Baptists have a well-planned, well-thought-out program of religious activities and training in the Baptist Student Union which should be made effective on every college campus.

7. We see in public education today, particularly in higher education, signs that point definitely in the direction of a more vital and consistent religious and moral emphasis. Thoughtful educators everywhere see that education without moral and religious support may be and is an atrocious crime against human society. Witness what such education accomplished in Germany, Italy, Japan! It is the opportune time NOW for Baptists to offer our colleges their best in student religious leadership.

8. It is foolish and beside the point to censure Baptist young people for attending state colleges. Many reasons, personal and otherwise, justify

"Ask and ye shall receive." "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him while he is near" Isa. 55:6. There is a special promise to those who seek him early. "They that seek me early shall find me" Pr. 8:17.

2. Must be sought with the heart.  
"And ye shall seek me and find me in the day that ye search for me with all your heart" Jer. 29:13.

Watch the men in a gold mine, how earnestly they work, how they have their hearts in their work; or watch the oil prospectors when a well is about to be brought in; or the enthusiasm at a ball game. If we seek like that we shall always find. Listen to the Syro-Phoenician woman when Jesus replies, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." "Yea, Lord, but the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the master's table."

IV. It is **Man-Taught**.  
It is not to be angel-taught. This teaching is to be man's glorious task. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations (RV, "make disciples of")—teaching them to observe all things" Matt. 28:19, 20. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8. "As my Father hath sent me so send I you" John 20:21. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth. Ye are the light of the world."

Salvation! Oh, salvation! The joyful sound proclaim  
"Till earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's name."

I know of a land that is sunk in shame,  
Of hearts that faint and tire;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name  
That can set that land on fire.

This wondrous salvation is adequate for soul and body, both for time and eternity. It guarantees redemption of the body in the resurrection and the regeneration of the soul forever.

We have heard the joyful sound:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land,  
Climb the steep and cross the waves;  
Onward! 'Tis our Lord's command;  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

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tracts and sell the idea to the people of Mississippi. The principle of the Foundation is sound, and leading business men over the state are enthusiastic about its possibilities.

The reception the pastors of the state have given me could not have been better. The response in gifts has been beyond expectation. The books are set up right and everything in the office is in order. Mrs. Sallie Campbell is doing a good job with the books, and will continue there.

I have stated these things to let the Baptists of the state know that I am not leaving the foundation because of any discouragement, or dissatisfaction. No secretary ever had a more co-operative and efficient board than is the Foundation Board. Feeling that to a large degree my work of propagandizing the work of the Foundation has been accomplished, and sincerely feeling that now some man, who can sit down with the prospects and talk face to face about money matters and get gifts I could not

able reasons, may influence and become the deciding factors that lead them to choose a state school. Nevertheless, the fact remains unchanged, that they do attend state schools in large numbers. It is the part of wisdom, great wisdom, for Baptists to follow these fine young people proudly and sympathetically with their Baptist message and program. If Baptists ignore them or neglect them, they do so at tragic loss to the denomination and to the students as well.

9. The responsibility for holding this great company of Baptist college students, who represent every county, city, town, village and countryside community in the state, loyal and true to Christ and to the faith of their fathers cannot be shifted to the shoulders of the local churches in the communities where the colleges are situated. For many reason no local church should be charged with that responsibility. It is a statewide responsibility of Mississippi Baptists to provide on every college campus a strong Baptist Student Union leadership with adequate physical equipment and facilities for promoting the work.

10. It is the conviction of this committee that Mississippi Baptist churches, generally speaking, are not acquainted with the fine program of the Baptist Student Union; that only the churches located in college centers where the B. S. U. program has been initiated have very much information about it or very much appreciation of its great importance to the Baptist denomination. The committee is also convinced that if the B. S. U. program is given a state-wide emphasis, soon the funds necessary for its promotion would be forthcoming. Surely Mississippi Baptists cannot be indifferent to what becomes of the religious training of four out of every five of their Baptist college students. Nowhere will an invested Baptist dollar go further than in a sound B. S. U. program on a state college campus. Let Baptists of Mississippi ponder well this fact: In 1939 (normal year) out of a total of 5,317 Baptist students in Mississippi attending Mississippi colleges 4,299 were in attendance at state colleges.

(Signed) J. D. FRANKS,  
F. M. PURSER,  
J. D. RAY,  
Committee

get that way, would do a more effective service than I can do for the Foundation. The only other reason for leaving the Foundation is that I have been a pastor more than eighteen years, and that is my first love. I simply could not resist the call of the pastorate.

My going should make no difference in individuals and institutions using the Foundation. The same ones who would handle the money if I were in the work will continue to handle it. You may be assured that this important work is established, and these capable trustees will carry on in their fine and capable way until they are led of God to a man to take the place of secretary.

During the nine months I have served as secretary I have traveled over 15,000 miles, and have spoken over 200 times in 37 associations and 58 churches and six pastors conferences, published five tracts and one booklet on Baptist institutions in Mississippi. Many thousands of dollars have been given as endowment for our institutions, the exact amount of which will be given in the audit to be prepared for the Convention. Some have taken out insurance policies, and many have been influenced to write wills that include our work, the full amount of which will not be known for several years yet.

Rev. Clyde Hankins, formerly pastor at Indianola, and Mrs. Hankins are at home in Mt. Ida, Arkansas, where he was called to the pastorate of First church several months ago. They have recently returned from Brazil where they have spent several years as missionaries.



## Our Great Task

**SOUTHERN BAPTISTS**  
confront no greater opportunity nor graver responsibility than that presented by 11,000,000 Negroes in the South.

Here in daily contacts is their opportunity to prove themselves Christians—in what they do, and say, and think.

Southern Baptists have a significant educational-missionary program, worked out in joint consultation of white and Negro leaders.

This work is going forward in co-operation with 14 Negro Baptist colleges.

Last year over 3,400 students were enrolled in classes taught by teacher-missionaries.

This work should be greatly enlarged.

It can be, through increased gifts to the Co-operative Program.

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